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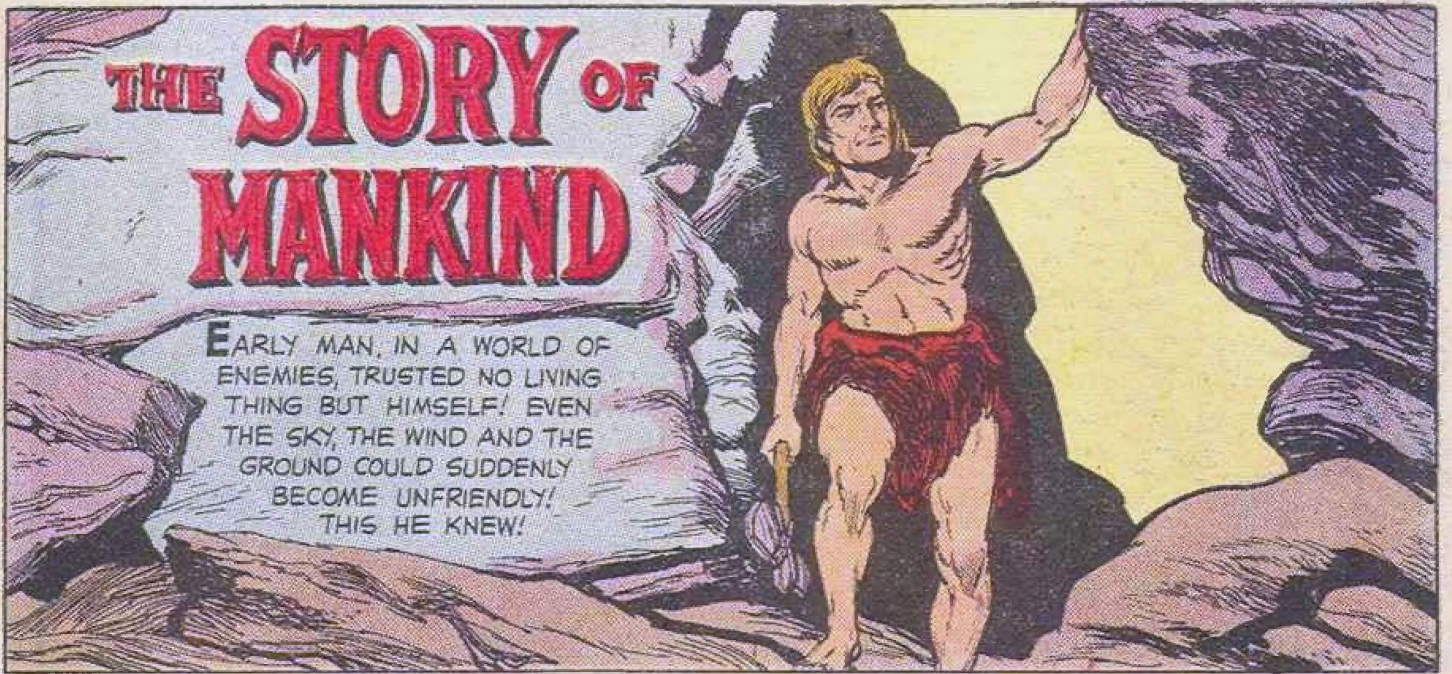
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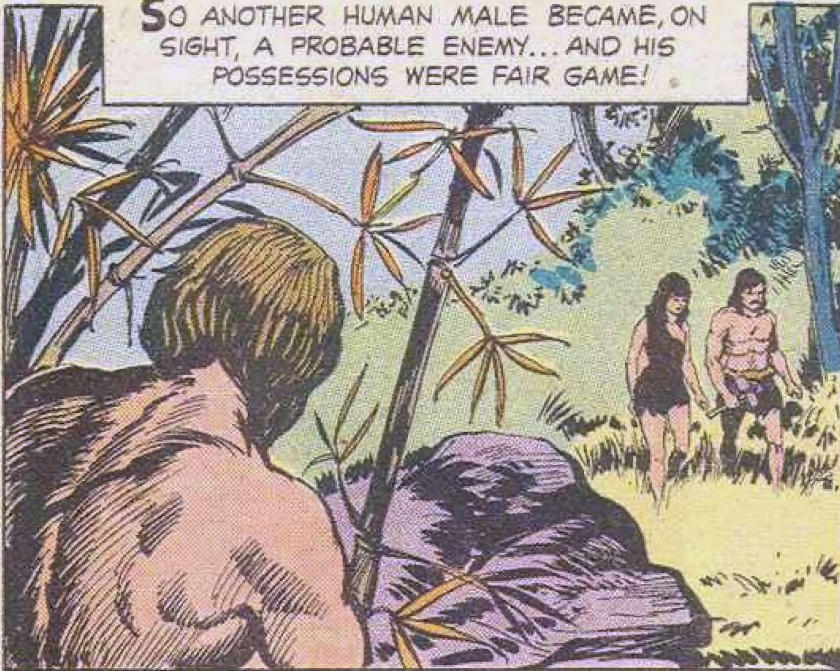
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EARLY MAN, IN A WORLD OF ENEMIES, TRUSTED NO LIVING THING BUT HIMSELF! EVEN THE SKY, THE WIND AND THE GROUND COULD SUDDENLY BECOME UNFRIENDLY! THIS HE KNEW!



SO ANOTHER HUMAN MALE BECAME, ON SIGHT, A PROBABLE ENEMY... AND HIS POSSESSIONS WERE FAIR GAME!



EARLY MAN KNEW NOTHING OF "GOOD SPORTSMANSHIP" OR OF CHIVALRY! VICTORY WENT TO HIM WHO STRUCK FIRST, UNEXPECTEDLY, AND WITH CAREFUL AIM!



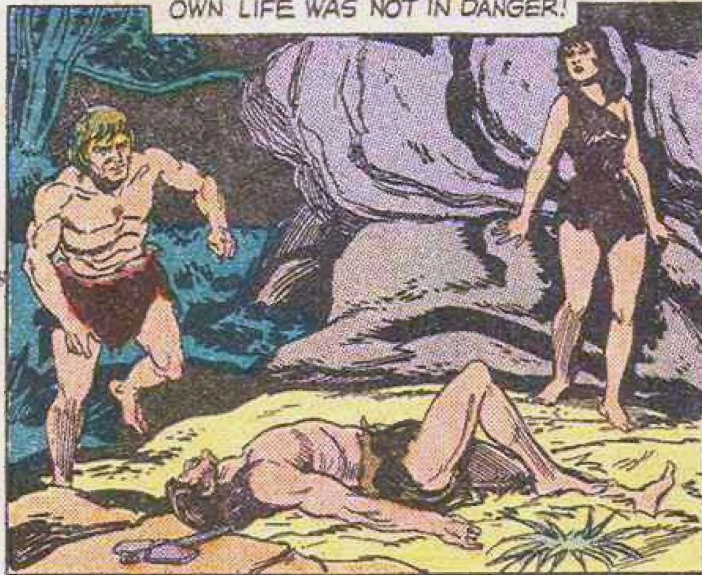
BUT ALL WAS NOT ON THE SIDE OF THE AMBUSER! THAT INSTINCT, WHICH WE CALL "SIXTH SENSE" RANG AN ALARM IN THE MIND OF THE AMBUSHED. HE TURNED...



...IN TIME TO CATCH A GLANCING BLOW ON HIS HEAD! IT WAS HARD ENOUGH TO STUN-- BUT NOT TO KILL! AS HE FELL, THE WOMAN JUMPED-- STARTLED, WONDERING!



WHEN THE ATTACKER LEAPED TOWARD HER FALLEN COMPANION, THE WOMAN SEEMED MORE CONFUSED THAN FRIGHTENED. PERHAPS SHE SENSED THAT HER OWN LIFE WAS NOT IN DANGER!



WITH DEADLY QUICKNESS, EARLY MAN CAUGHT UP HIS AXE AGAIN--RAISED IT--AND STAGGERED BACK, BLINDED BY A LIGHTNING BOLT WHICH STRUCK A NEARBY TREE.



WHETHER HE TOOK THE LIGHTNING FOR THE THREAT OF AN ANGERED GOD--OR THE WOMAN'S FLIGHT CHANGED HIS MIND--EARLY MAN LEFT THE FATAL BLOW UNSTRUCK.



AT ANY RATE, THE FURY OF THE STORM WAS GROWING WORSE, AND THE WOMAN WAS NOT TOO UNWILLING TO RUN FROM IT WITH HIM...THE AXE-STUNNED MAN WAS FORGOTTEN.



THE COLD KISS OF THE RAIN IN HIS FACE BROUGHT THE SECOND MAN BACK TO DIZZY CONSCIOUSNESS! HE GOT SLOWLY TO HIS FEET, THE THUNDER ECHOING IN HIS HEAD!



SOME MONTHS LATER, THE SECOND MAN FOUND HIMSELF IN THE SAME REGION. ANOTHER THUNDERSTORM HAD BROKEN FROM THE SKIES AND SPOILED HIS HUNTING.



WITH THE COMING OF DARKNESS, THE STORM PASSED, BUT A BITTER COLD WIND CAME ON THE HEELS OF IT, SEARCHING OUT THE SHIVERING WOMAN IN THE EARLY MAN'S CAVE.



EQUALLY COLD, EARLY MAN CROUCHED AT THE ENTRANCE, STARING IN WONDER AT THE WIND-WHIPPED FLAMES WHICH WERE EATING UP A PATCH OF DRY BRUSH. FIRE WAS A STRANGER.



HE HAD NEVER BEEN NEAR TO FIRE BEFORE--AND IT DREW HIM LIKE A MAGNET IN SPITE OF HIS CAUTION! ITS WARMTH FELT CURIOUSLY GOOD TO HIS OUTTHRUST HANDS.



THE FIRE WAS A LIVING THING, BEYOND DOUBT! YET IT MADE NO THREATENING LEAP AT HIM--NOR ANY ATTEMPT TO GET AWAY! IT WAS WARM--LIKE THE SUN.

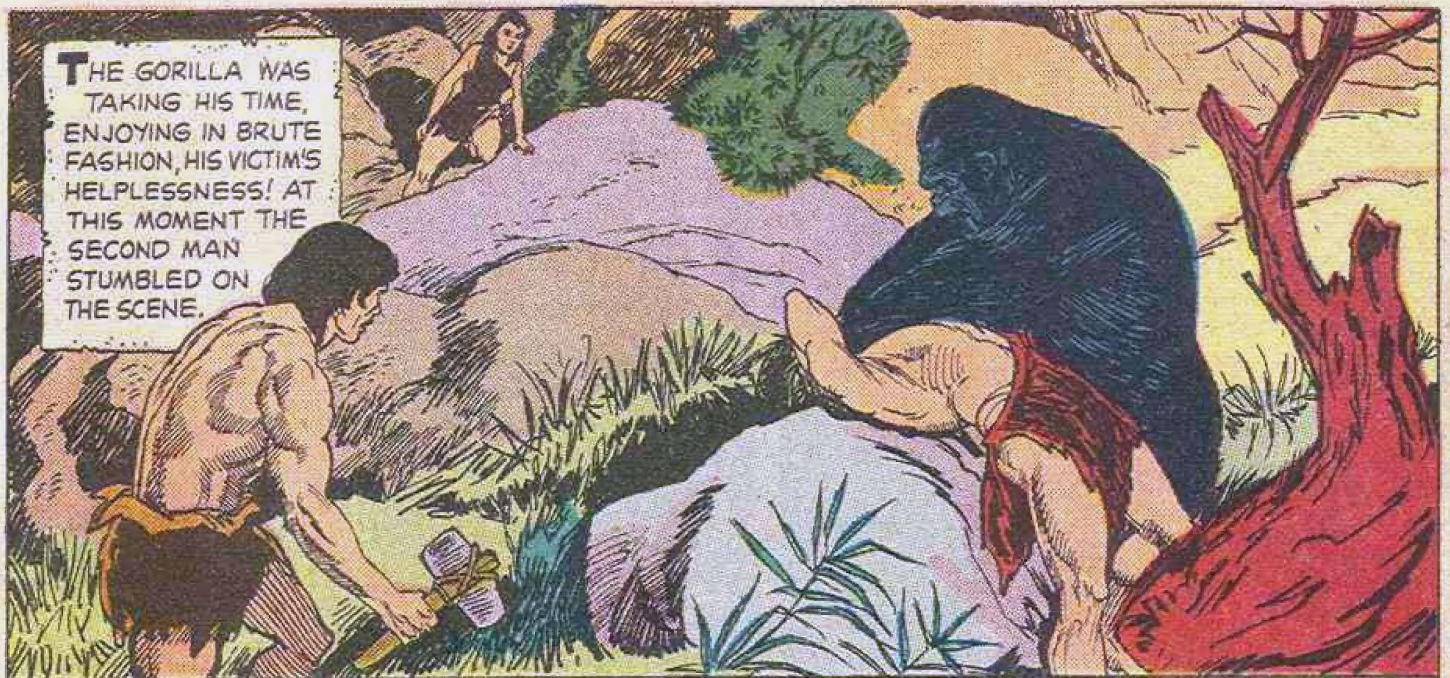


A TERRIFYING ROAR BEHIND HIM SPUN HIM ABOUT, HIS FEAR-NUMBED HAND GROPPING FOR THE STONE-HEADED AXE AT HIS BELT! BUT HE KNEW IT WOULD BE NO USE...



GREAT BRUISING FINGERS GRIPPED HIM, PULLED HIM SLOWLY TOWARD THE YELLOWED FANGS! FORGOTTEN WAS EVERYTHING BUT THE AWFUL STRENGTH OF THE GORILLA.





THE GORILLA WAS TAKING HIS TIME, ENJOYING IN BRUTE FASHION, HIS VICTIM'S HELPLESSNESS! AT THIS MOMENT THE SECOND MAN STUMBLED ON THE SCENE.

SUDDENLY SHOCK EXPLODED IN THE BEAST'S BRAIN-- THE SHOCK OF A HARD-THROWN AXE! NEITHER GORILLA NOR EARLY MAN HAD SEEN THE THROWER-- BUT THE WOMAN HAD MISSED NOTHING!



AT FIRST, EARLY MAN COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHAT HAD HAPPENED! HIS HUGE ENEMY LAY DEAD --LIMP ARMS, HAIRY TRUNK! YET HE--EARLY MAN-- HAD NOT STRUCK HIM!



THEN HE SPOTTED THE SECOND MAN--STANDING NOW UNARMED! HE RAISED HIS AXE INSTINCTIVELY! WAS NOT THIS, TOO, AN ENEMY? BUT THE WOMAN'S PROTEST SHRILLED AS SHE RAN!



SHE TOUCHED HIM--AND POINTED TO THE AXE WHICH HAD STRUCK THE GORILLA DOWN! EARLY MAN HAD NOT SEEN IT UNTIL NOW! SLOWLY, AGAINST HIS WILL, HE UNDERSTOOD!



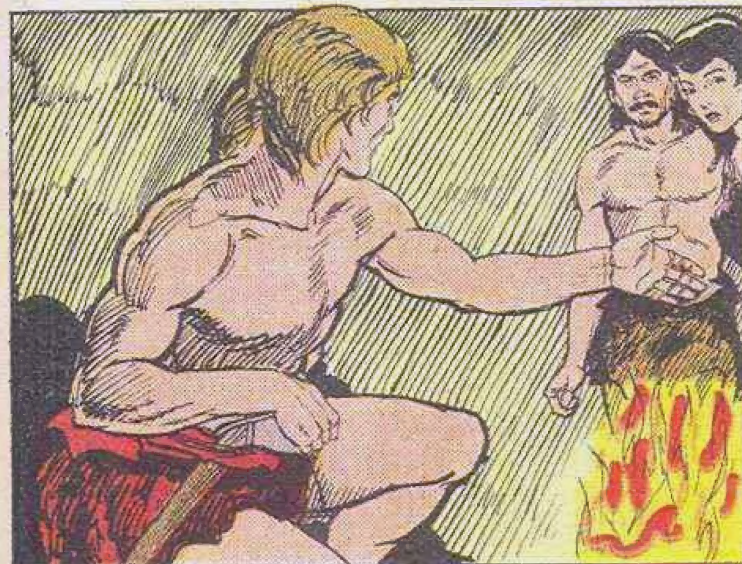
SUSPICION AND ENMITY DIE HARD! HIS ONE-TIME ENEMY--THEN RESCUER--WAS UNARMED, EASY TO KILL! BUT THERE WAS A NEW, DIM IMPULSE HOLDING HIM BACK!



THE FIRE FELT WARM AGAIN! WITHOUT REASONING, HE TURNED HIS BACK TO POSSIBLE ATTACK--KNOWING IT WOULD NOT COME. THERE WAS A CURIOUS WARMTH INSIDE HIM, TOO...



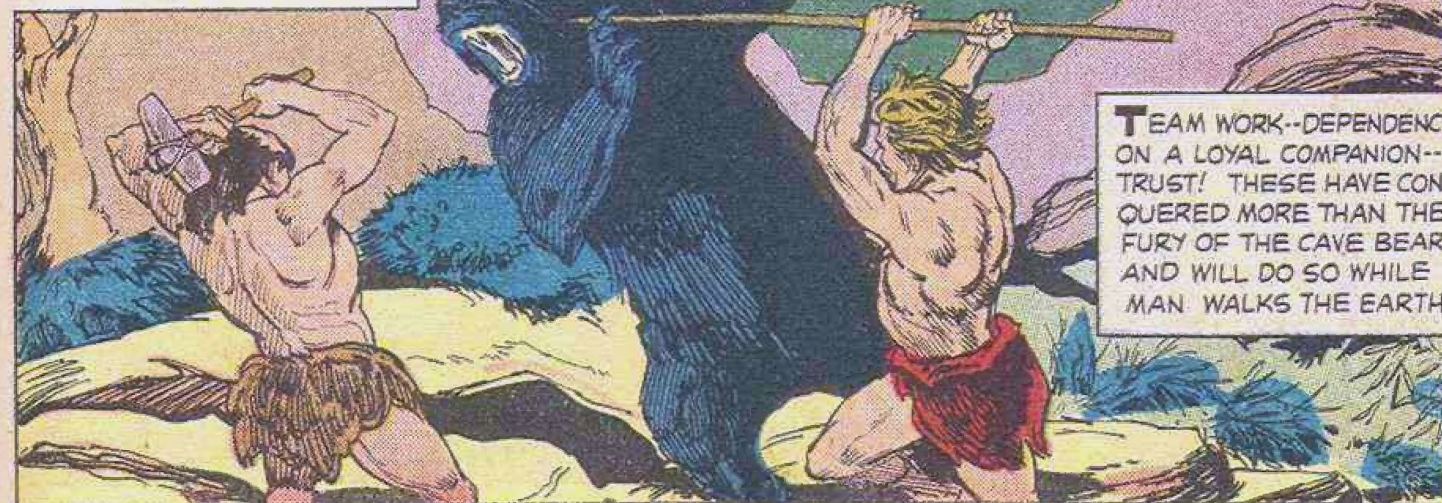
WITH ONE HAND, HE TUCKED HIS AXE INTO HIS BELT-- AND WITH THE OTHER HE BECKONED TO THE OTHERS! THEY, TOO, SHOULD LEARN THAT FIRE DROVE AWAY THE COLD!



ALL AT ONCE THEY HAD BECOME A LITTLE COMMUNITY--SHARING THE SAME COMFORT, THE SAME INTEREST-- WITH THE MEMORY OF A COMMON DANGER STILL FRESH IN MIND.

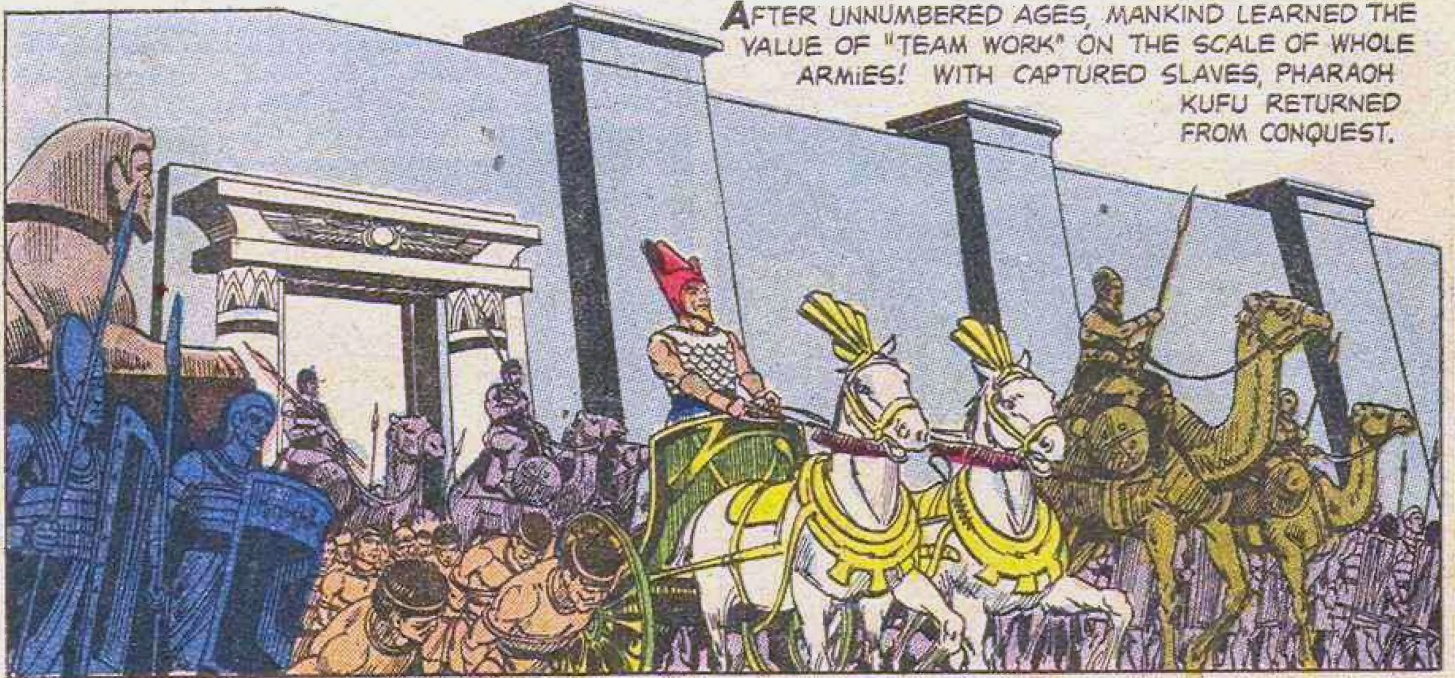


COMMON NEED TAUGHT THEM MANY LESSONS... HOW TWO HUNTERS CAN TAKE BIGGER GAME THAN ONE CAN-- EVEN THE SHAGGY, LONG-CLAWED BEAR WHO FEARED NO MAN!



TEAM WORK--DEPENDENCE ON A LOYAL COMPANION-- TRUST! THESE HAVE CONQUERED MORE THAN THE FURY OF THE CAVE BEAR-- AND WILL DO SO WHILE MAN WALKS THE EARTH!

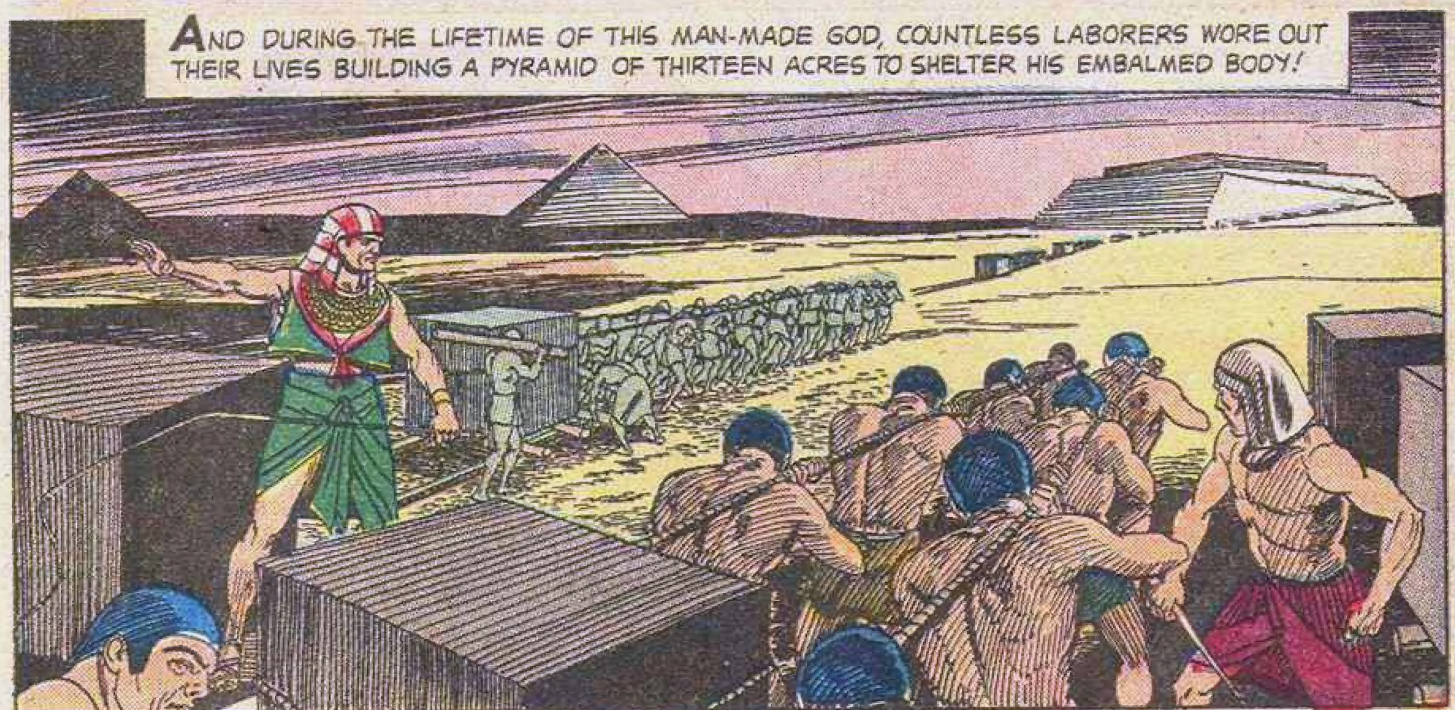
AFTER UNNUMBERED AGES, MANKIND LEARNED THE VALUE OF "TEAM WORK" ON THE SCALE OF WHOLE ARMIES! WITH CAPTURED SLAVES, PHARAOH KUFU RETURNED FROM CONQUEST.



THE PHARAOH WAS WORSHIPPED AS A GOD, A DESCENDANT OF OSIRIS, THE FATHER OF GODS--A FAR CRY FROM THE SIMPLE TRUST EARLY MAN GAVE TO ANOTHER!



AND DURING THE LIFETIME OF THIS MAN-MADE GOD, COUNTLESS LABORERS WORE OUT THEIR LIVES BUILDING A PYRAMID OF THIRTEEN ACRES TO SHELTER HIS EMBALMED BODY!



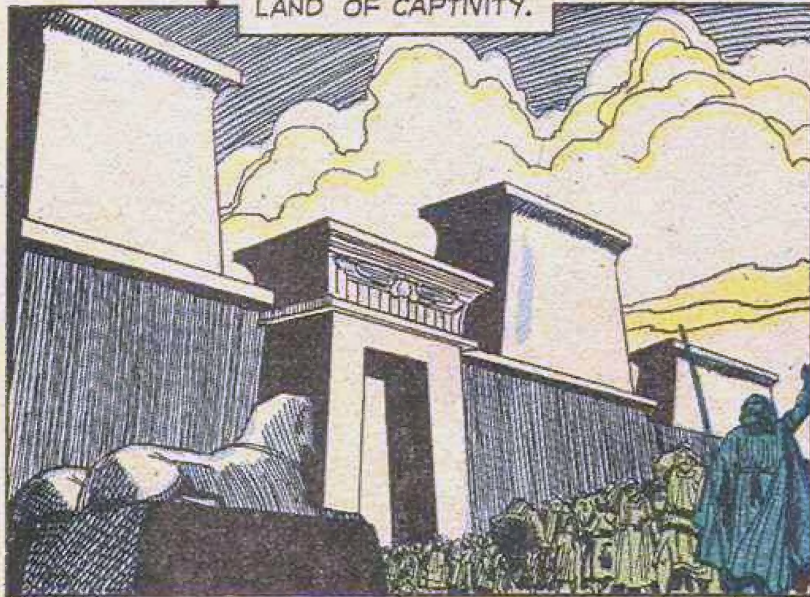
GENERATIONS LATER, THE YOUNG MOSES, ADOPTED SON OF A PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER, LOOKED WITH HORROR AND REBELLION ON THIS CRUEL SACRIFICE OF SLAVES TO ROYAL PRIDE.



YEARS LATER, EXILED FOR HIS REBELLION, MOSES WORSHIPPED THE GOD OF HIS HEBREW FOREFATHERS, AND FOUND PEACE UNDER THE DESERT STARS.



RETURNING TO EGYPT, THIS SAME MOSES DEFIED ANOTHER PHARAOH AND LED HIS PEOPLE OUT OF THE LAND OF CAPTIVITY.



ON THE DESERT MOUNTAIN CALLED SINAI, HE SPOKE WITH THE EVER-LIVING, AND RECEIVED FOR HIS PEOPLE THE GREAT CODE OF MORAL LAWS KNOWN AS THE TEN COMMANDMENTS.



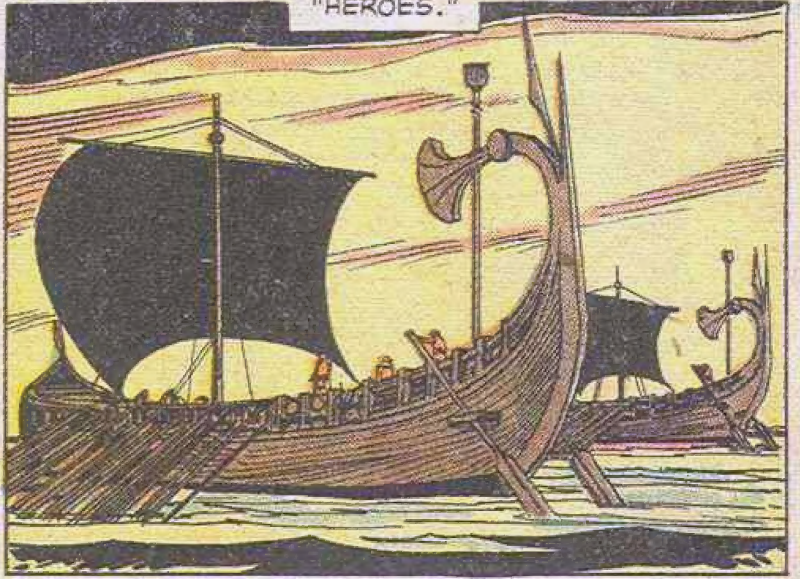
HERE, IT SEEMED, WAS VICTORY AND HOPE FOR ALL TRIBES OF MANKIND! VICTORY THROUGH LAW-- OVER THE EVIL AND THE FOOLISHNESS WHICH HAD CURSED THE WORLD.



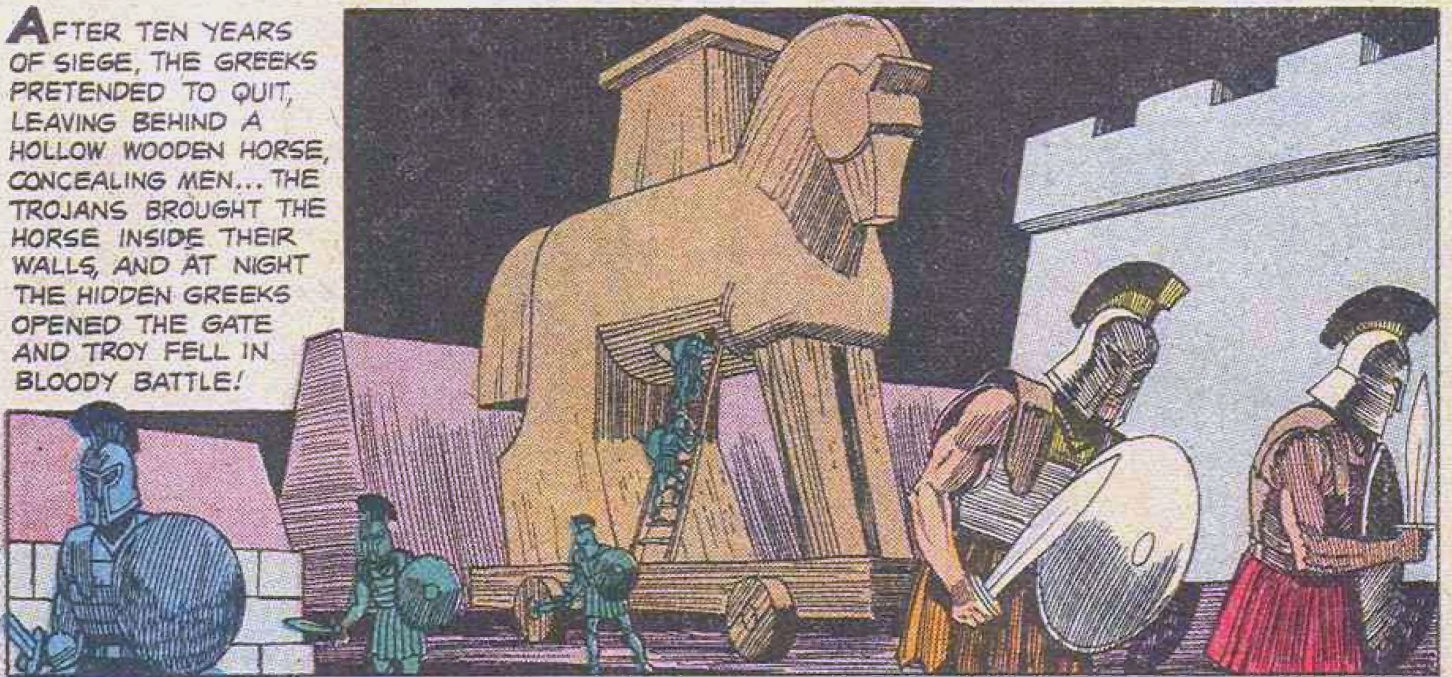
BUT CENTURIES LATER, GREEKS AND TROJANS FOUGHT SAVAGELY OVER WHAT THEY CALLED "HONOR" AND THE POSSESSION OF HELEN OF TROY—WHOSE BEAUTY "LAUNCHED A THOUSAND SHIPS"!



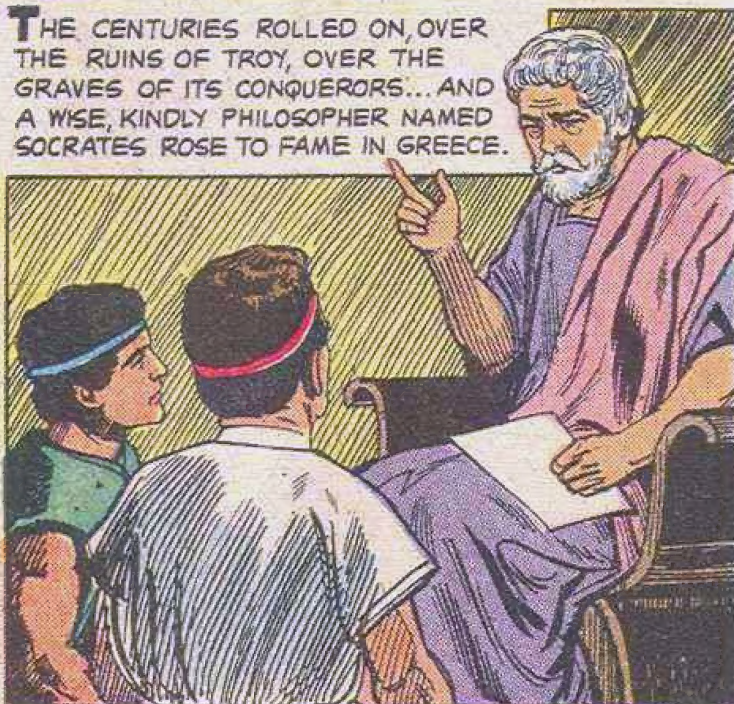
TO RESCUE LOVELY HELEN, QUEEN OF SPARTA, FROM HER TROJAN CAPTORS, A THOUSAND GREEK GALLEYS UNDER KING AGAMEMNON CROSSED THE STRAITS LOADED WITH "HEROES."



AFTER TEN YEARS OF SIEGE, THE GREEKS PRETENDED TO QUIT, LEAVING BEHIND A HOLLOW WOODEN HORSE, CONCEALING MEN... THE TROJANS BROUGHT THE HORSE INSIDE THEIR WALLS, AND AT NIGHT THE HIDDEN GREEKS OPENED THE GATE AND TROY FELL IN BLOODY BATTLE!



THE CENTURIES ROLLED ON, OVER THE RUINS OF TROY, OVER THE GRAVES OF ITS CONQUERORS... AND A WISE, KINDLY PHILOSOPHER NAMED SOCRATES ROSE TO FAME IN GREECE.



SCULPTURE, POETRY AND LOGIC GAVE THE LITTLE GRECIAN PENINSULA ITS "GOLDEN AGE," AN AGE WHICH HAS PASSED ON ITS TREASURES TO ALL WESTERN CIVILIZATION.



POSSIBLY THE GREATEST OF THE ANCIENT GREEKS WAS HIPPOCRATES, CALLED THE FATHER OF MEDICINE! WITH PURE PURPOSE AND SCIENTIFIC THOUGHT, HE TAUGHT HEALING ART.



BUT STILL THE TRAMP OF ARMIES SHOOK THE WORLD, AND WHERE THEY PASSED, THE ARTS AND SCIENCES WITHERED--LIKE TENDER PLANTS TOUCHED BY SEARING FLAMES.



FOR A TIME THEY REVIVED UNDER THE *PAX ROMANA*, BEGINNING WITH THE REIGN OF AUGUSTUS CAESAR... MORE THAN A GENERATION OF WORLD PEACE WAS ENFORCED BY ROMAN MIGHT.



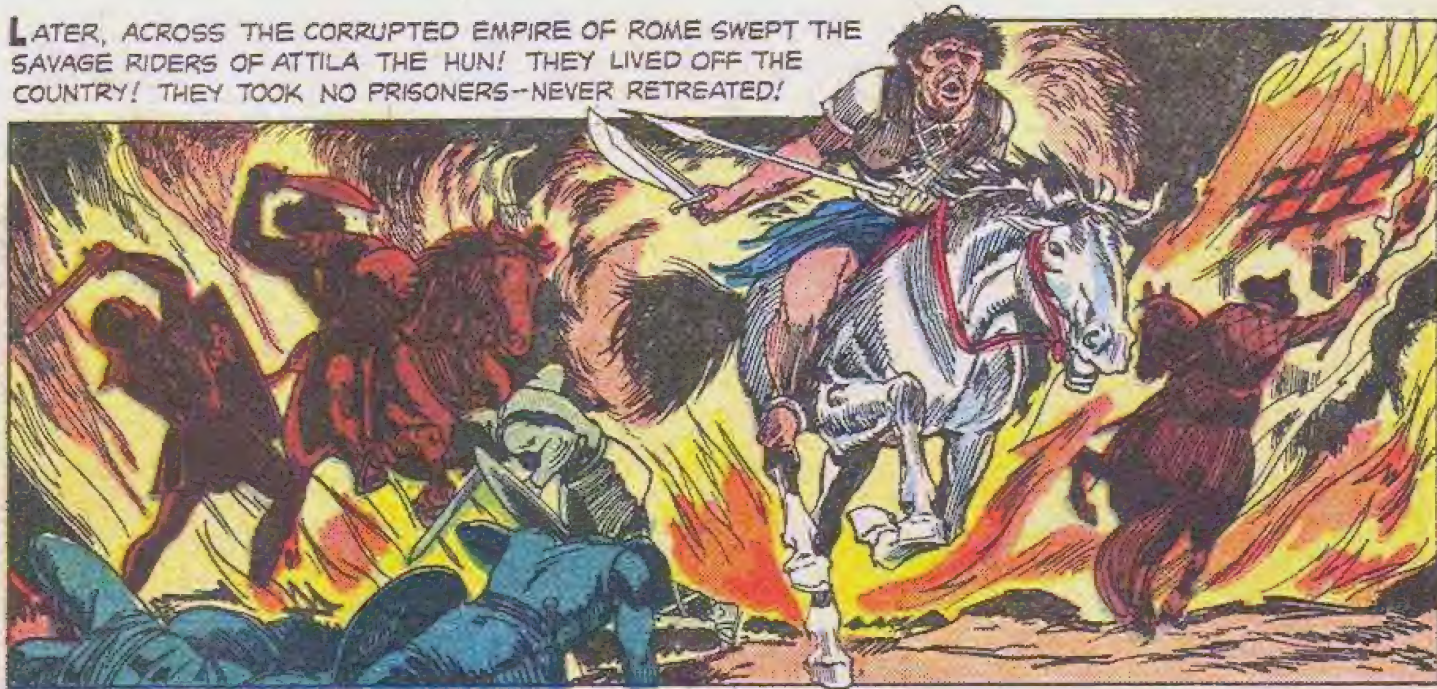
THE BAD EMPERORS FOLLOWED THE GOOD. ONE FLAME-LIT NIGHT, NERO WATCHED A CITY BURN, FIRED AT HIS ORDERS -- AND SANG A SONG ON HIS PALACE BALCONY.



THE PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS OF ROME WERE CONVENIENTLY BLAMED FOR SETTING THE FIRE--AND WERE PUT INTO THE ARENA WITH HUNGRY LIONS, TO ENTERTAIN THE ROMAN CROWD.



LATER, ACROSS THE CORRUPTED EMPIRE OF ROME SWEEPED THE SAVAGE RIDERS OF ATTILA THE HUN! THEY LIVED OFF THE COUNTRY! THEY TOOK NO PRISONERS—NEVER RETREATED!



ATTILA'S BOAST WAS THAT "GRASS SHALL NEVER GROW AGAIN WHERE MY HORSE'S HOOF HAS TROD"! HIS HORDE OF WILD MEN DESTROYED EVERY LIVING THING IN THEIR PATH.



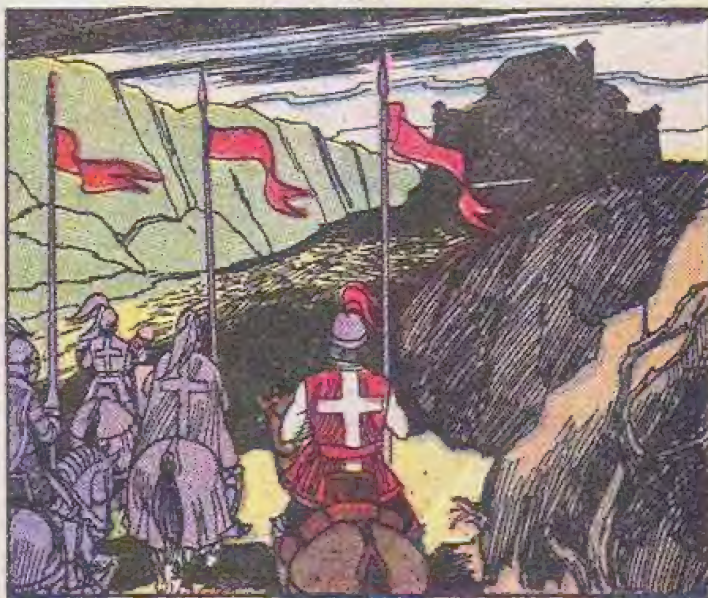
NOW IT LOOKED AS IF THE CLOCK OF MANKIND HAD BEEN SET BACK! GREAT CITIES LAY IN RUINS... IN EUROPE, CULTURE, GOVERNMENT AND RELIGION WERE CRUSHED UNDERFOOT.



YET, ON A GREEN ISLAND CALLED ENGLAND, THE LIVING WONDER OF THE CROSS INSPIRED THE YOUNG KNIGHTS OF CHIVALRY TO DEEDS OF HIGH DARING, FAITH AND UNSELFISH SACRIFICE.



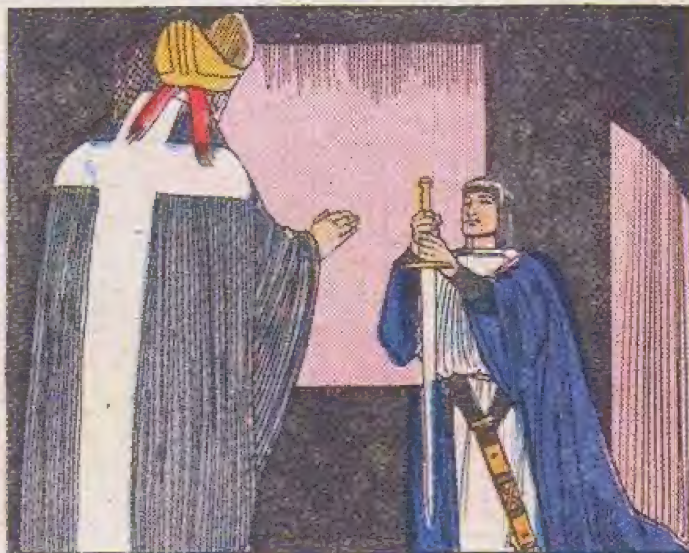
SINGLY OR IN LITTLE BANDS, THEY CONQUERED THE GRIM STRONGHOLDS OF EVIL. THEIR MOTTO: "MY STRENGTH IS AS THE STRENGTH OF TEN, BECAUSE MY HEART IS PURE."



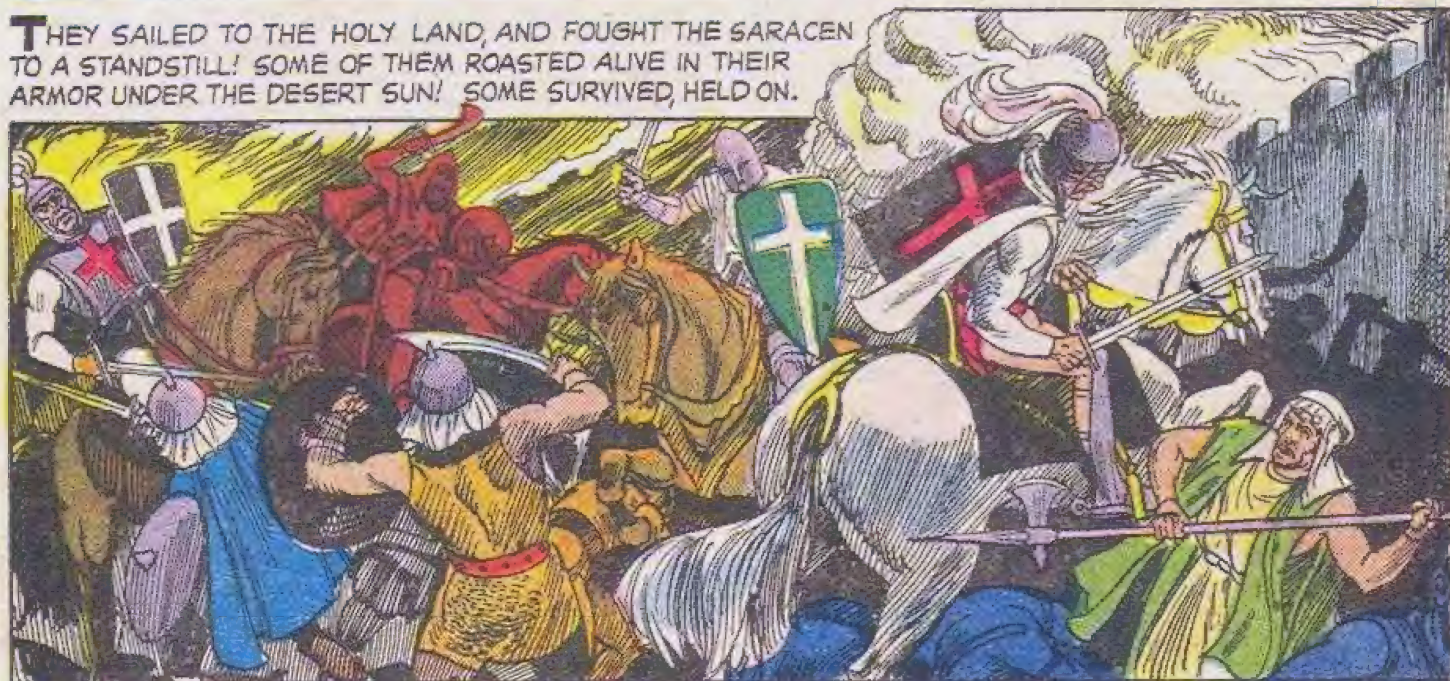
THE HIGH IDEAL OF CHIVALRY DEMANDED ACTION-- AND MORE ACTION! PRIESTS AND MONKS TRAVELED THROUGHOUT ENGLAND, IRELAND, EUROPE-- RAISING SUPPORT FOR A NEW CONQUEST.



CRUSADING KNIGHTS PLEDGED THEMSELVES TO FREE THE HOLY SEPULCHRE AT JERUSALEM FROM THE UNBELIEVING MOSLEMS, AND TOOK A SOLEMN OATH OF BROTHERHOOD BEFORE THEY WENT.



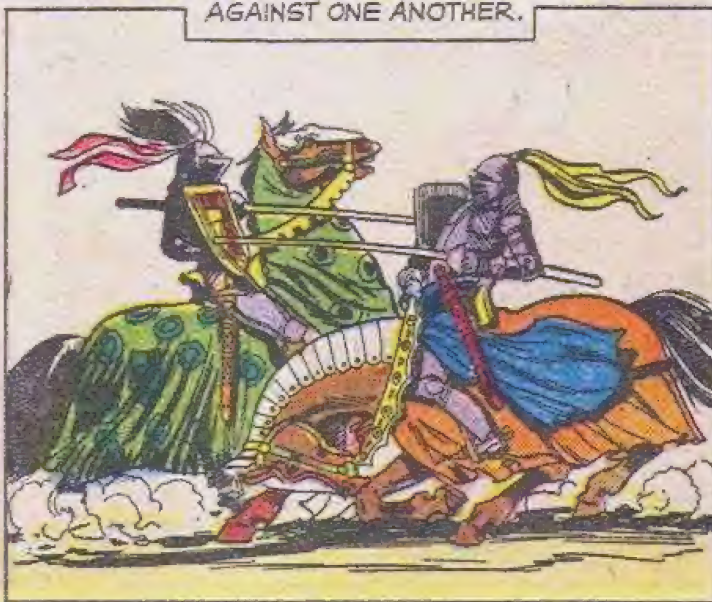
THEY SAILED TO THE HOLY LAND, AND FOUGHT THE SARACEN TO A STANDSTILL! SOME OF THEM ROASTED ALIVE IN THEIR ARMOR UNDER THE DESERT SUN! SOME SURVIVED, HELD ON.

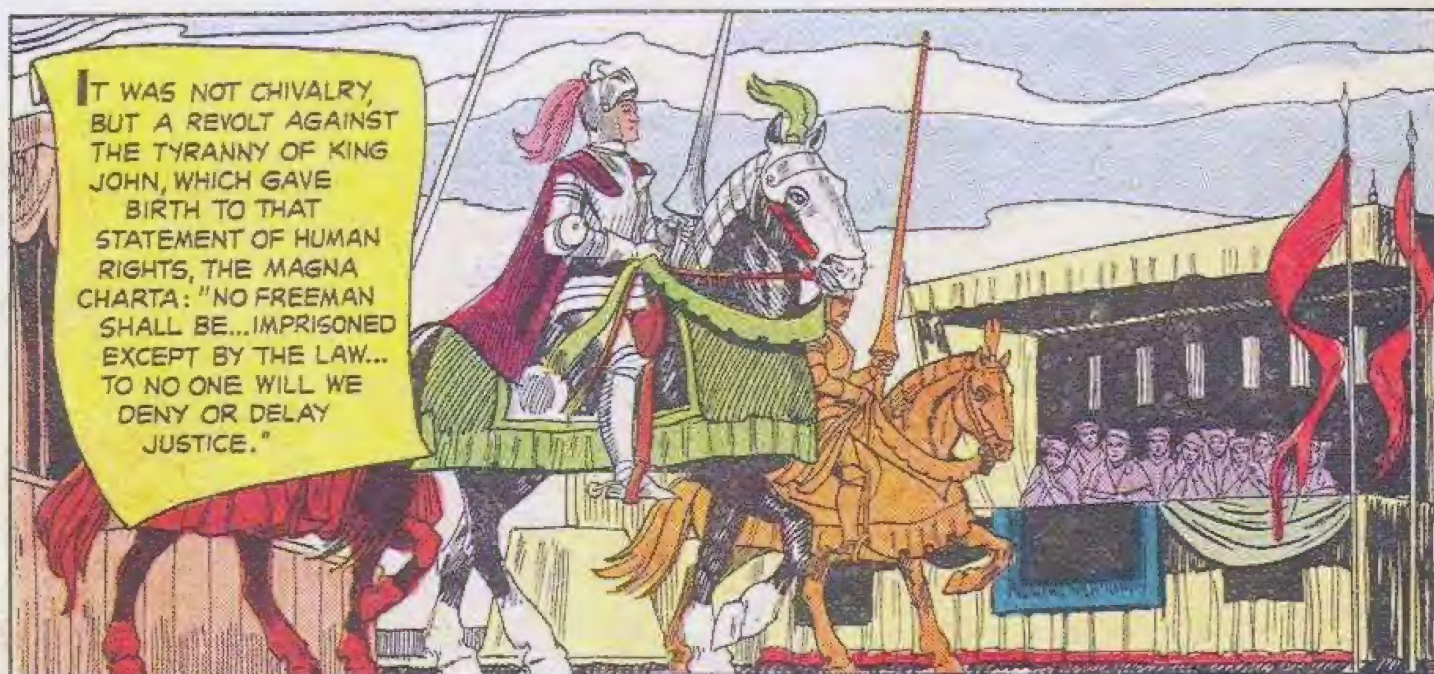


THE FIRST CRUSADE FAILED. A SECOND CRUSADE WAS MOUNTED. THAT ONE FAILED, TOO, AND THE WEARY REMNANT--SOMETIMES LEADERLESS--SAILED HOME WISER BUT SAD.



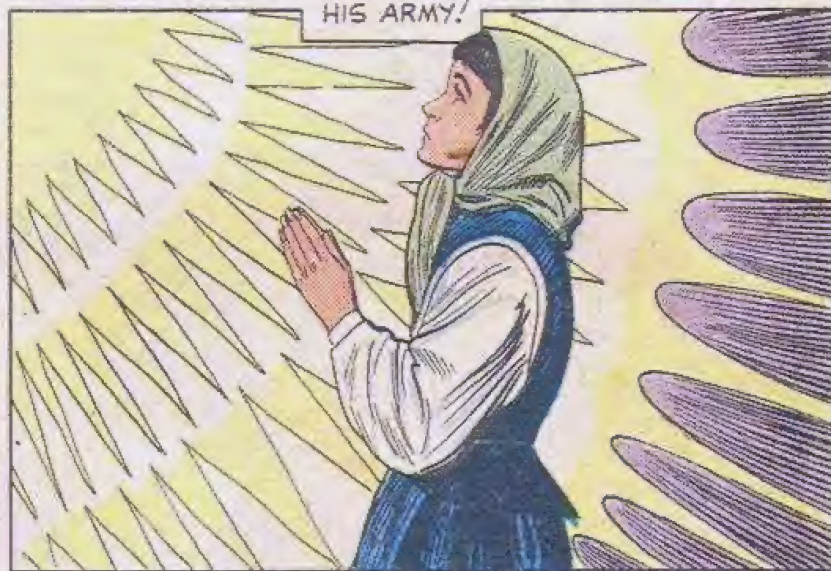
CHIVALRY STILL LIVED, LOSING SOME OF ITS FIRST GLOW OF ENTHUSIASM. BOLD KNIGHTS, HAVING NO MORE WICKED ENEMIES TO ROUT, STAGED FIGHTS AGAINST ONE ANOTHER.





THOUGH INTENDED AT THE TIME TO HELP ONLY THE BARONS, THIS GREAT DOCUMENT, SIGNED BY AN UNWILLING KING, WAS A LONG STEP TOWARD FREEDOM FOR THE COMMON FOLK.

LATER, A FRENCH PEASANT GIRL, JOAN OF ARC, HAD VISIONS AND HEARD HEAVENLY VOICES COMMANDING HER TO GO TO PRINCE CHARLES--TO CONVINCE HIM THAT SHE SHOULD LEAD HIS ARMY!

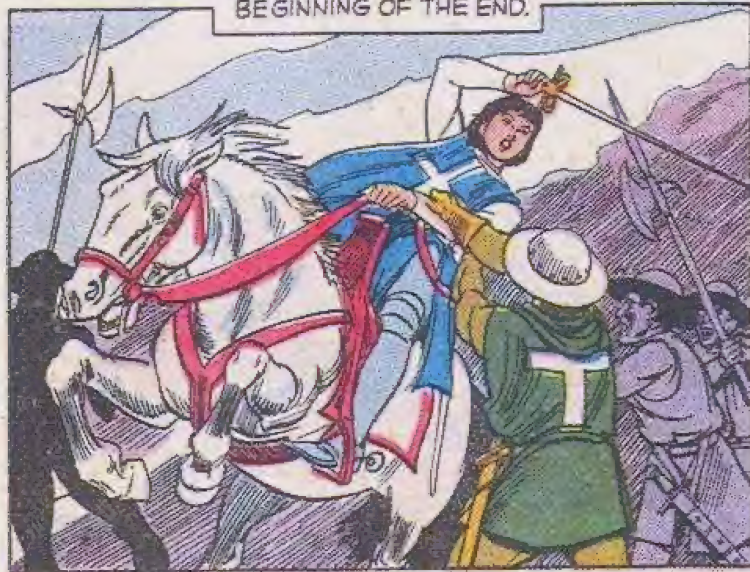


STRANGELY, SHE DID JUST THAT! FRANCE WAS DESPERATE UNDER THE HEEL OF ENGLAND; ITS ARMY WITHOUT LOYALTY OR MORALE! PRINCE CHARLES SAW IN JOAN HIS ONLY HOPE.

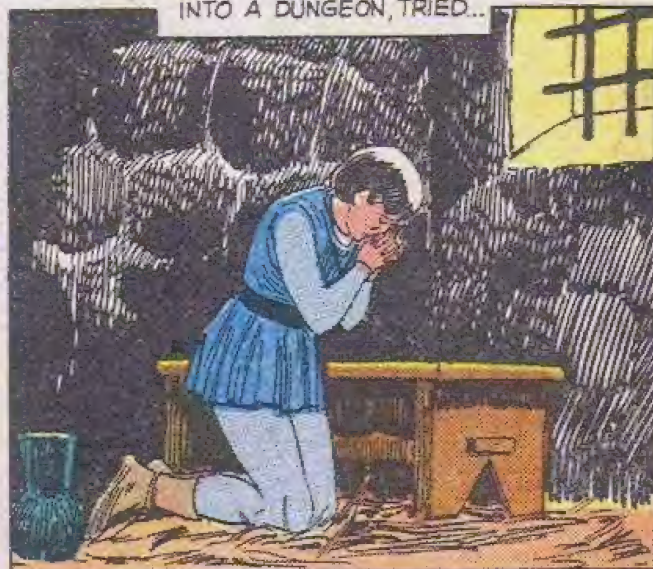
STRONGHOLD AFTER STRONGHOLD FELL TO THE GIRL IN ARMOR! BECAUSE OF HER PURE FAITH, THE FRENCH SOLDIERS FAIRLY WORSHIPPED HER AND FOUGHT LIKE MADMEN WHERE SHE LED.



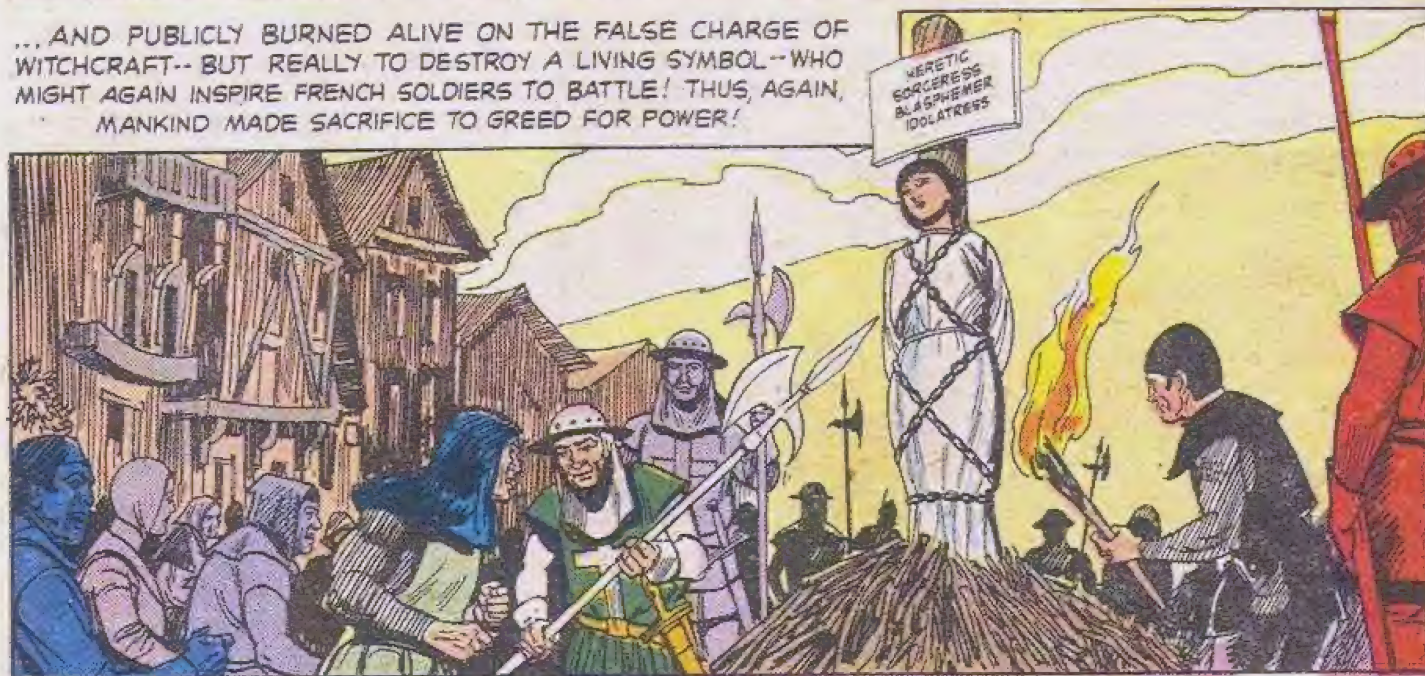
BUT AT COMPIÈGNE, LEADING A SORTIE AGAINST THE SOLDIERS OF BURGUNDY, JOAN WAS AMBUSHED AND DRAGGED FROM HER HORSE, A PRISONER! IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE END.



BETRAYED BY HER OWN KING CHARLES, WHOM SHE HAD HELPED TO CROWN KING, SHE WAS TURNED OVER TO THE BRITISH; CHAINED, THROWN INTO A DUNGEON, TRIED...



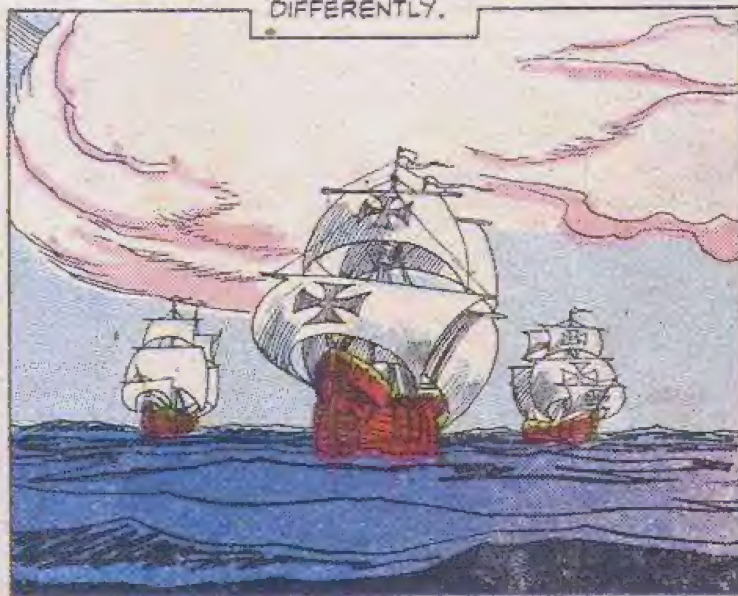
...AND PUBLICLY BURNED ALIVE ON THE FALSE CHARGE OF WITCHCRAFT-- BUT REALLY TO DESTROY A LIVING SYMBOL--WHO MIGHT AGAIN INSPIRE FRENCH SOLDIERS TO BATTLE! THUS, AGAIN, MANKIND MADE SACRIFICE TO GREED FOR POWER!



ALL THE DARING DREAMERS WERE NOT DEAD, HOWEVER. LATE IN THE FIFTEENTH CENTURY, CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS EXPLAINED HIS BELIEF THAT THE WORLD WAS ROUND...



IN HIS DAY AND AGE, MOST MEN STILL BELIEVED THAT THE WORLD WAS FLAT AND THAT A SHIP COULD SAIL OVER ITS EDGE INTO NOTHINGNESS! BUT COLUMBUS THOUGHT DIFFERENTLY.



AND SO HIS DREAM BECAME REAL--BUT IN AN UNEXPECTED WAY! COLUMBUS DID NOT SAIL AROUND THE WORLD, BUT HE DID DISCOVER AN UNKNOWN TERRITORY-- THE RICH AMERICAS.



AND DISCOVERY OPENED THE NEW WORLD TO SPANISH CONQUISTADORS, BY THE SAME OCEAN ROUTE! HERNANDO CORTES AND HIS SWASH-BUCKLING COMPANY SAILED TO MEXICO.



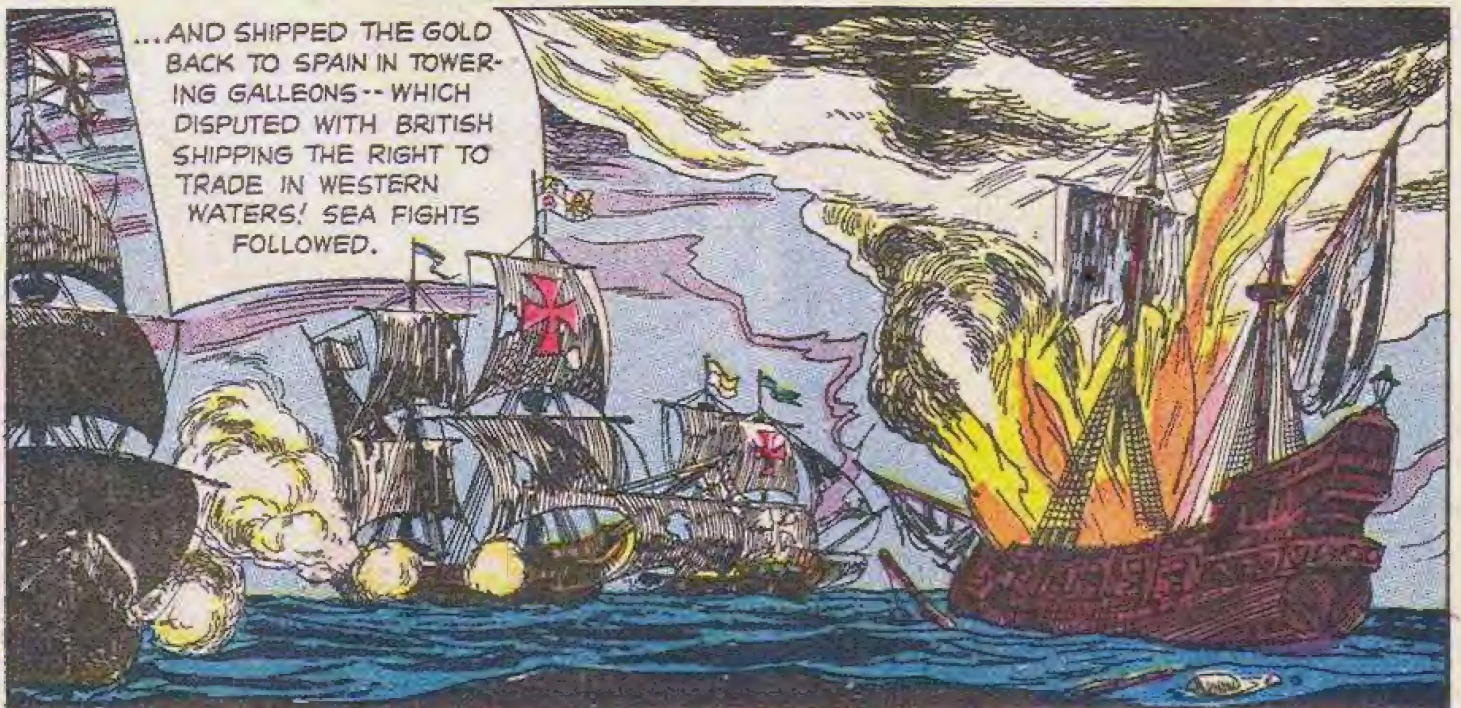
THERE HIS ARMORED HORSEMEN PLOWED THROUGH THE NATIVE SOLDIERY LIKE SHIPS THROUGH THE OCEAN FOAM! THE GOLD ORNAMENTS OF THEIR VICTIMS MADE THEM LUST FOR MORE.



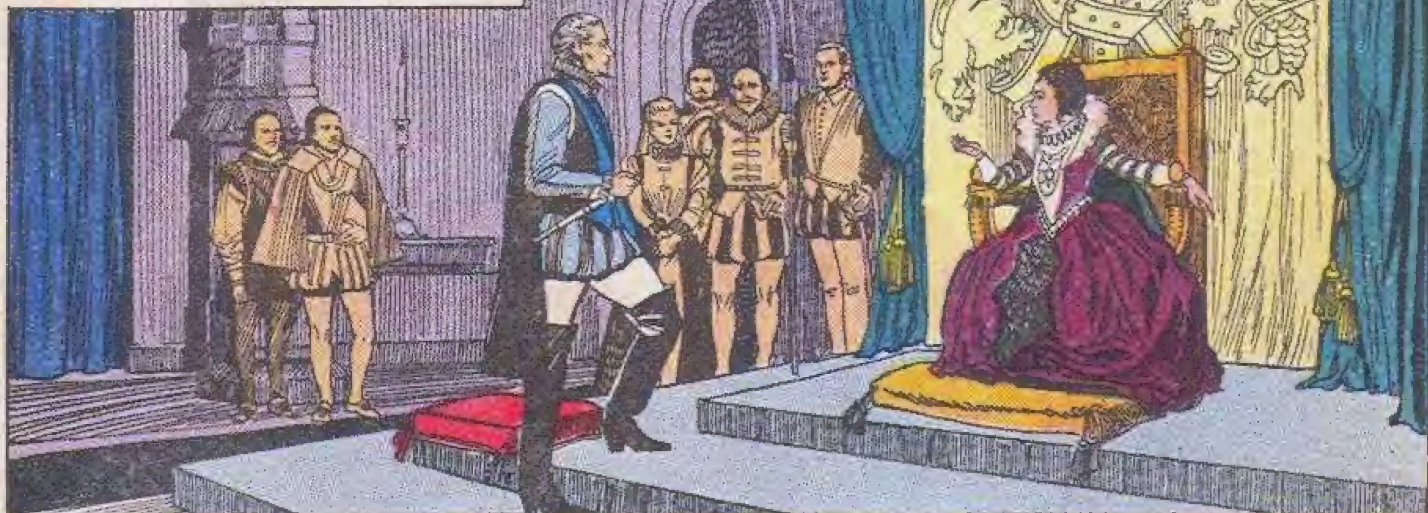
THEY FOUND A LITTLE GOLD AND SOME BIG PYRAMIDS WHICH THE AZTECS CLIMBED TO OFFER HUMAN SACRIFICES TO THE SUN. LATER WITH NATIVE LABOR, THEY WORKED MINES...



...AND SHIPPED THE GOLD BACK TO SPAIN IN TOWERING GALLEONS-- WHICH DISPUTED WITH BRITISH SHIPPING THE RIGHT TO TRADE IN WESTERN WATERS! SEA FIGHTS FOLLOWED.



THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS BROUGHT AN ANGRY SPANISH PROTEST TO THE COURT OF QUEEN ELIZABETH OF ENGLAND. HER ENGLISH SEA CAPTAINS WERE DENOUNCED AS PIRATES!



"QUEEN BESS" ROSE QUICKLY TO THE DEFENSE OF HER CAPTAINS. SHE DECLARED THAT THE SEAS SHOULD BE FREE TO ALL NATIONS! SHE WOULD NOT WITHDRAW HER SHIPS!



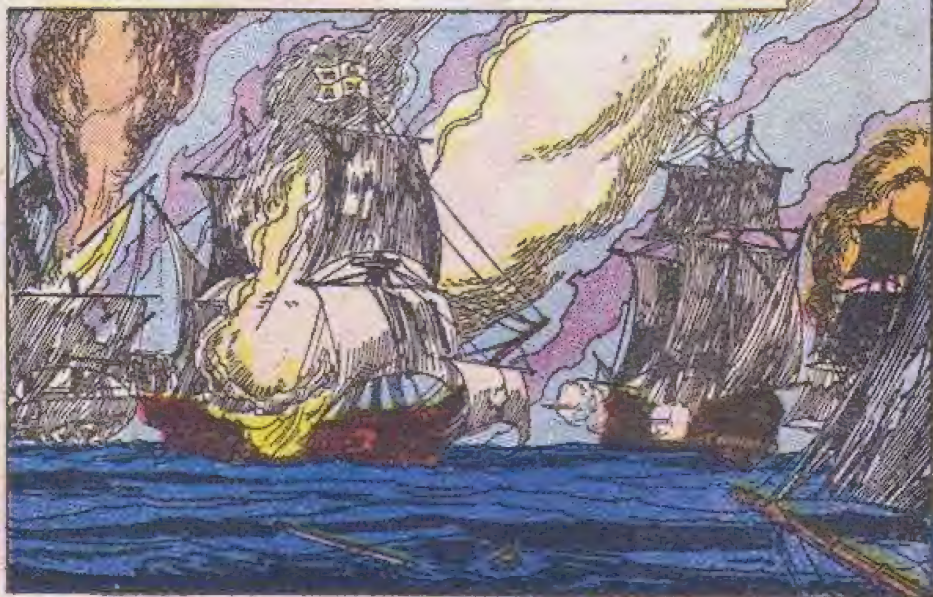
THE ENVOY OF MIGHTY SPAIN THREATENED. HE SPOKE OF A VAST FLEET ATTACKING ENGLAND WITH SWORD AND FIRE. BUT HE DID NOT FRIGHTEN THE FIERY BRITISH QUEEN.



SHAKESPEARE'S LINES EXPRESSED HER DECISION: "COME THE THREE CORNERS OF THE WORLD IN ARMS, AND WE SHALL SHOCK THEM...IF ENGLAND TO ITSELF DO REST BUT TRUE!"



THE GREAT SPANISH ARMADA CAME WITH ITS THUNDERING CANNON, ITS TOWERING SHIPS OF WAR! AND SMALL, FAST ENGLISH MERCHANTMEN CUT IT TO PIECES!



ABOUT A HUNDRED YEARS LATER, BRITISH FARMERS AND BUSINESSMEN CAME TO THE NEW WORLD TO BUILD HOMES. THEY WERE HONEST MEN, LED BY CAPTAIN JOHN SMITH.



THEN CAME THE PURCHASE OF MANHATTAN ISLAND BY DUTCHMAN PETER MINUIT--FOR TWENTY-FOUR DOLLARS' WORTH OF TRINKETS--FROM THE INDIANS WHO LIVED THERE.



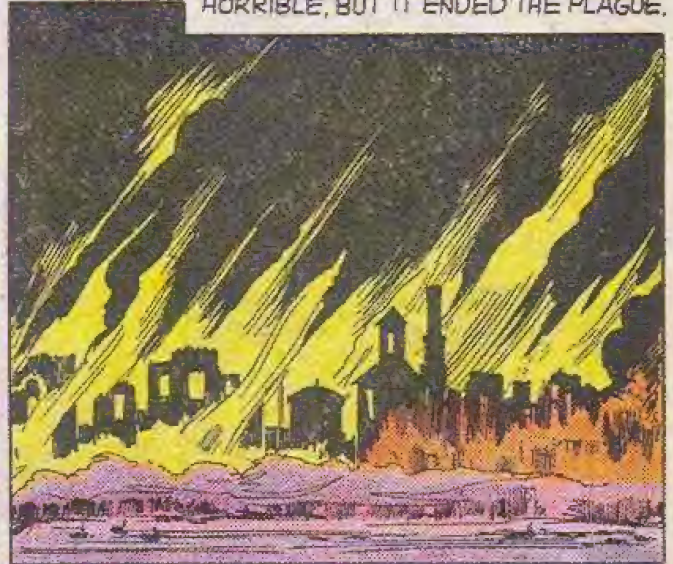
BACK IN THE SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS, THE BAGPIPES WAILED FOR THE GATHERING OF THE CLANS TO BATTLE THE HATED BRITISH. OUT OF THEIR GLEN THEY MARCHED.



TO RUSH UPON THE ENGLISH SOLDIERY IN SAVAGE WAVES--CLAYMORES SLASHING, TARTANS FLYING, BERSERK WITH RAGE!



THEN IN 1665, THE GREAT PLAGUE DESCENDED ON LONDON, KILLING HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE! FINALLY, AS IF TO PURIFY THE CITY, A TERRIBLE FIRE RAGED FOR FOUR DAYS. IT WAS HORRIBLE, BUT IT ENDED THE PLAGUE.



WHILE IN AMERICA, THE ANGRY COLONISTS OF BOSTON DRESSED AS INDIANS, DUMPED THE HIGH-TAXED TEA INTO THE HARBOR, AND DEFIED THE ENGLISH KING.



THEY RIOTED IN THE STREETS--AND OFTEN FLED FROM THE BRITISH REGULARS



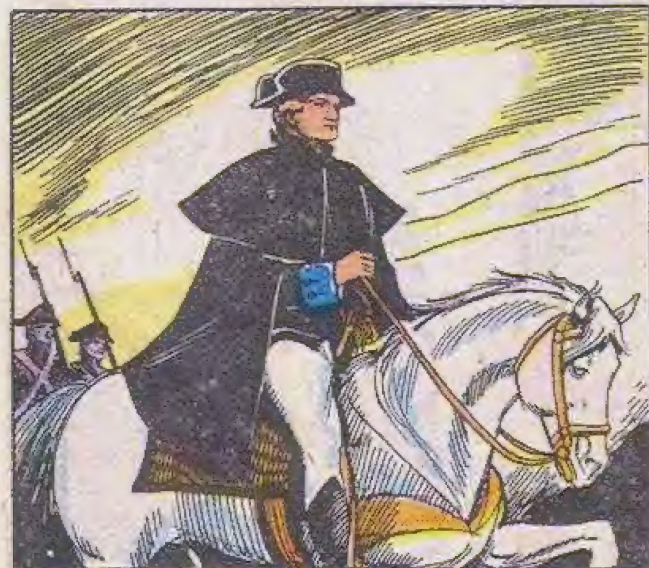
...BUT THEY FOUGHT BACK, TOO--ORGANIZED THEIR "MINUTE MEN." THE COLONISTS' "DANDER" WAS UP AND THEY WOULD NOT QUIT



THE HEROES OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION WERE MANY. HIGH ON THE LIST WAS THE SILVERSMITH, PAUL REVERE, WHO ROUSED THE COUNTRYSIDE WITH NEWS OF INVASION.



FIRST IN THE HEARTS OF HIS COUNTRYMEN WAS GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON, A GIANT MENTALLY, MORALLY AND PHYSICALLY. HE LED THE COLONIES IN THEIR FIGHT FOR FREEDOM



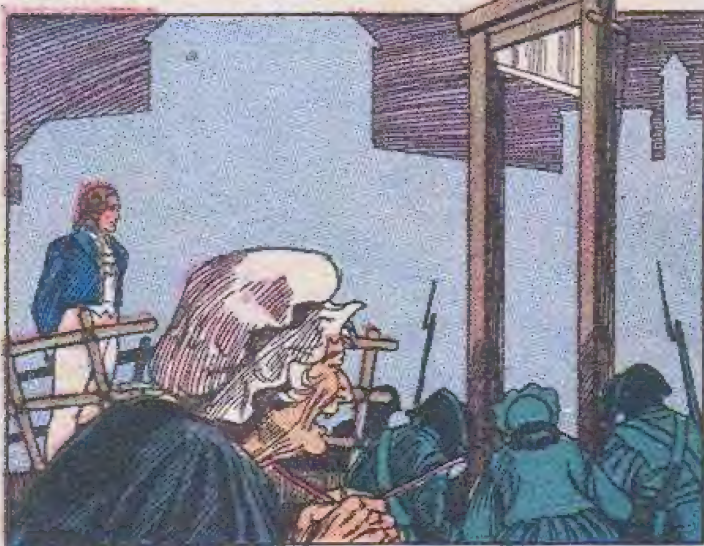
THE STRUGGLE WAS COSTLY, LONG DRAWN-OUT--NEVER FULLY SUPPORTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE MOTHER COUNTRY. ENGLAND AT LAST, THE COLONIES FORMED A NEW NATION.



ACROSS THE OCEAN, MOBS OF DESPERATE, RAGGED FRENCHMEN MARCHED ON THE PALACE TOWN OF VERSAILLES LIKE DESTROYING LOCUSTS! THEY WERE A LIVING EXPLOSION!



THE NOBLES WHO HAD OPPRESSED THE POOR WERE HUNTED DOWN! HEADS WERE LOPPED OFF BY THE WEIGHTED KNIFE OF "LA GUILLOTINE" TO PLEASE THE MOB!



BUT THE FURY OF THE REVOLUTION PETERED OUT WHEN FOREIGN ENEMIES ATTACKED! ENGLAND, SPAIN, PRUSSIA AND AUSTRIA BESIEGED FRANCE ON ALL SIDES.



A YOUNG ARTILLERY OFFICER, NAPOLEON BONAPARTE, ROSE QUICKLY TO BECOME MILITARY CHIEF OF THE FRENCH. HE WHIPPED HER ENEMIES AND UNITED THE NATION BEHIND HIM.



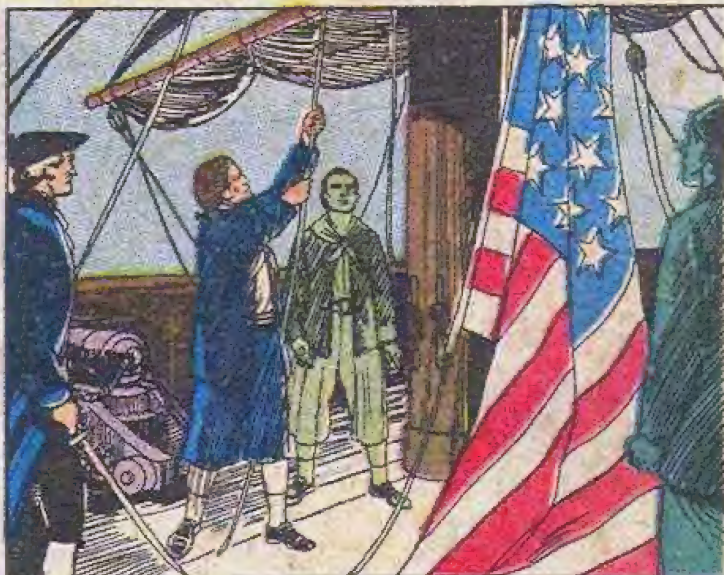
SOON, HE NAMED HIMSELF EMPEROR. FOR A TIME HE HELD THE WORLD AT BAY-- AND HIS WORD WAS LAW FOR THE RUFFIANS WHO HAD LOPPED OFF THE HEADS OF ROYALTY.



THEN, METEOR-LIKE, HE FELL--LEAVING A FIERY WAKE OF WARS TO MARK HIS PATH! THE SAME MANKIND WHICH HAD RAISED HIM TO THE SKIES CAST HIM INTO EXILE.



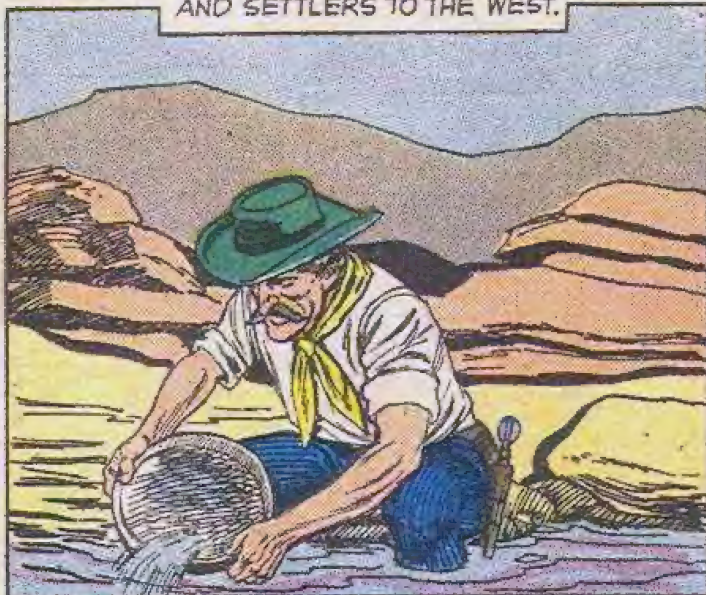
NEW WARS BROKE OUT! THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA DROVE THE BRITISH BACK FROM ITS SHORES IN 1812 AND WON SECURITY FOR AMERICAN SEAMEN.



BUT WITHIN ITS OWN BORDERS THE NEW NATION SOON FACED A BITTER WAR! THE WESTERN INDIANS, PUSHED FROM THEIR HUNTING GROUNDS, ATTACKED PIONEERS.



THE INDIANS WAGED A LOSING FIGHT! GOLD DISCOVERED NEAR SUTTER'S FORT IN CALIFORNIA BROUGHT FRESH HORDES OF ADVENTURERS, MINERS AND SETTLERS TO THE WEST.



YEARS OF FRONTIER VIOLENCE FOLLOWED! EXCEPT IN A FEW COMMUNITIES, THE "LAW OF THE JUNGLE" REWARDED THE STRONG AND THE TRICKY. MANY MEN SIMPLY DISAPPEARED.



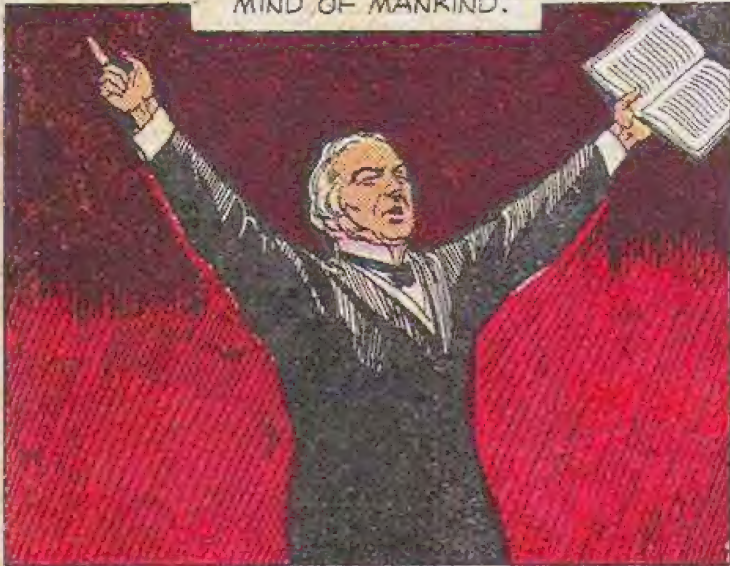
ON THE PLANTATIONS OF THE SOUTHERN STATES, THOUSANDS OF NEGRO SLAVES LABORED--OWNED AND KEPT LIKE THE BEASTS OF THE FIELD! MORE COTTON NEEDED MORE SLAVES.



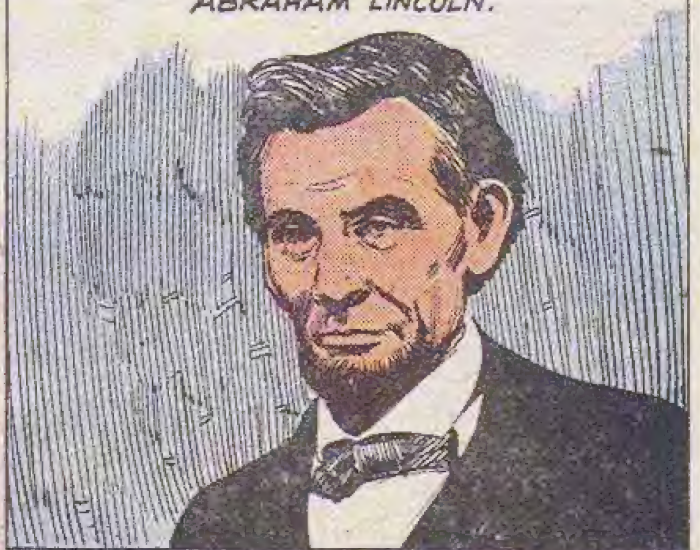
ON THE AUCTION BLOCKS OF NEW ORLEANS AND OTHER CITIES NEGROES WERE SOLD LIKE CATTLE--FAMILIES WERE BROKEN UP! A GREAT **WRONG** WAS ABOUT TO REAP THE **WHIRLWIND OF WAR!**



IN THE NORTH--WHERE SLAVE LABOR WAS NEITHER PROFITABLE NOR POPULAR--THE **WRONG** WAS CLEARLY SEEN. FIERY PREACHING INFLAMED THE MIND OF MANKIND.



OUT OF THE MORAL AND POLITICAL STORM WHICH DIVIDED AMERICA, ROSE A TALL, HOMELY FIGURE WITH A DEEP LOVE FOR JUSTICE--**ABRAHAM LINCOLN.**



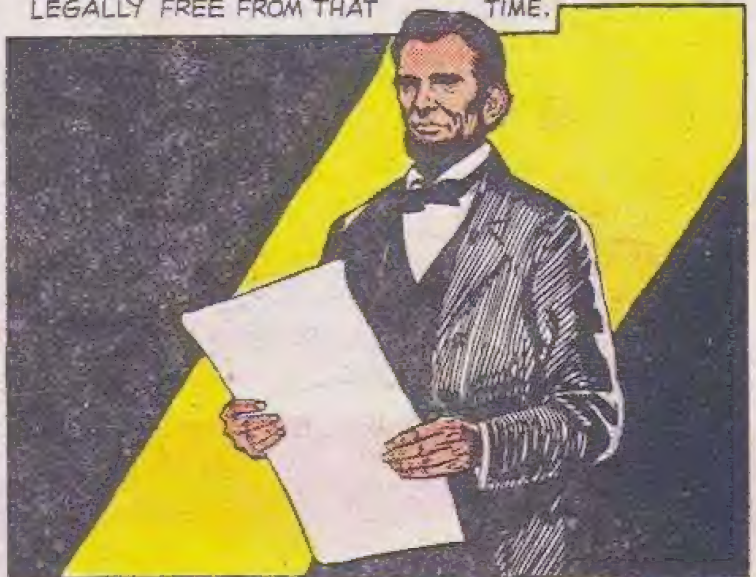
BACKED BY THE WILL OF THE FREE STATES, LINCOLN BECAME PRESIDENT! ELEVEN SLAVE STATES PREPARED TO FIGHT FOR SLAVERY AND SEPARATE GOVERNMENT! WAR CAME WHEN FORT SUMTER WAS FIRED UPON.



THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF THE SOUTH HAD THE ADVANTAGE OF SUPERIOR LEADERS LIKE GENERAL ROBERT E. LEE, HIMSELF A HATER OF SLAVERY!



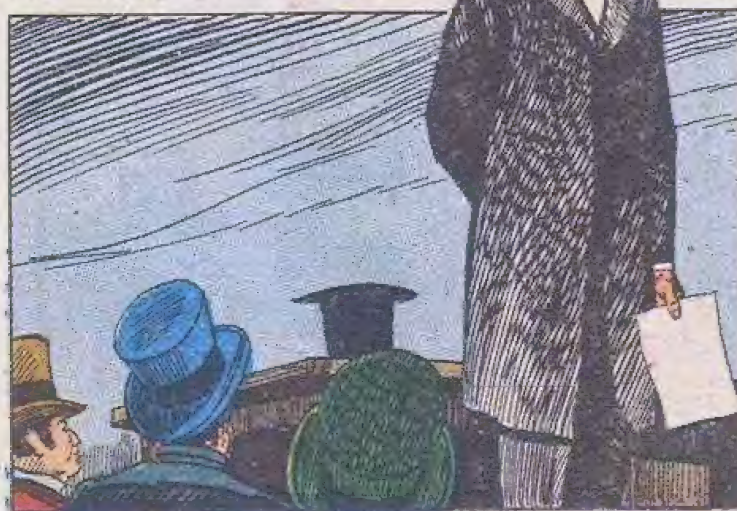
WHILE THE GUNS THUNDERED ACROSS THE BATTLE-FIELDS AND YOUNG MEN DIED, PRESIDENT LINCOLN ISSUED A PROCLAMATION WHICH MADE ALL SLAVES LEGALLY FREE FROM THAT TIME.



WITH RECKLESS COURAGE, SOUTHERN TROOPS STORMED THE NORTHERN POSITIONS ACROSS THE FIELDS OF GETTYSBURG AND WERE CUT DOWN. THE TIDE OF WAR WAS TURNING!



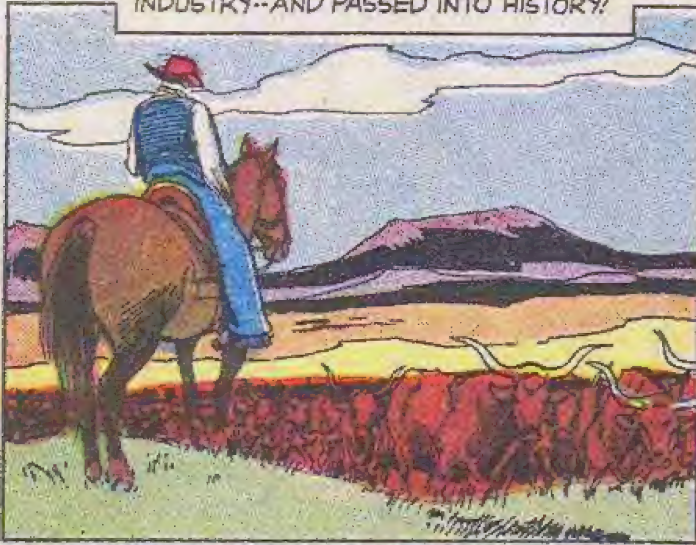
LINCOLN, SPEAKING WITH THE VOICE OF MANKIND, CALLED FOR "A NEW BIRTH OF FREEDOM...UNDER GOD...THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH FROM THE EARTH!"



BUT THE DESTRUCTIVE FEVER OF MANKIND-- ALWAYS READY TO ERUPT-- SENT A MADMAN'S BULLET CRASHING INTO THE BRAIN OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN, AND STILLED HIS GREAT HEART.



DURING THE WASTING YEARS OF THE CIVIL WAR, THE ONLY POPULATION THAT PROSPERED WAS THAT OF THE WILD, LONG-HORNED TEXAS CATTLE. DRIVEN NORTH, THEY MADE POSSIBLE THE WESTERN CATTLE INDUSTRY--AND PASSED INTO HISTORY!



THE COW COUNTRY BECAME A VAST ARENA OF PIONEERING AND CONFLICT. OFTEN THE ONLY VOICE OF AUTHORITY WAS THE ROAR OF "JUDGE COLT"!



AND YET, IN SPITE OF THE VIOLENCE AND THE INDIAN WARS, THE NATION CONTINUED TO EXPAND. IN 1869, THE FIRST TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD WAS COMPLETED, LINKING EAST AND WEST BY STEEL RAILS.



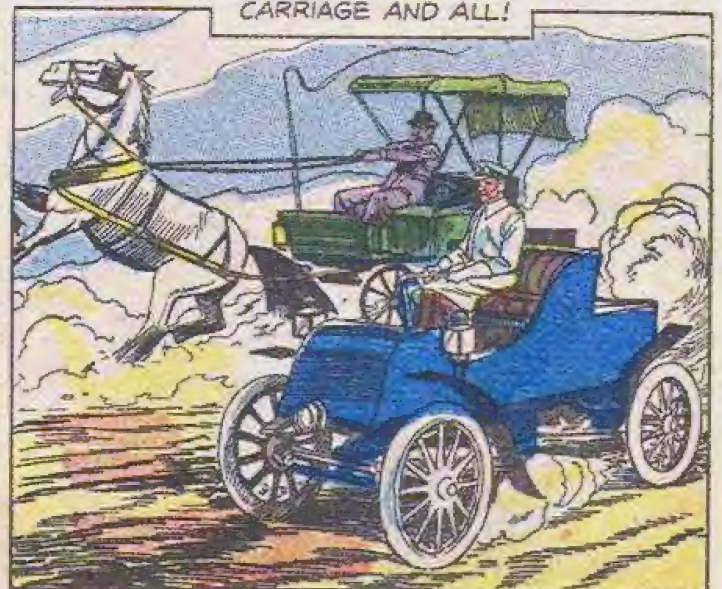
THIS WAS ALSO A PERIOD OF GREAT INVENTIONS. ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL DEVELOPED THE FIRST **TELEPHONE**--AS IMPORTANT TO MANKIND AS SAMUEL MORSE'S TELEGRAPH.



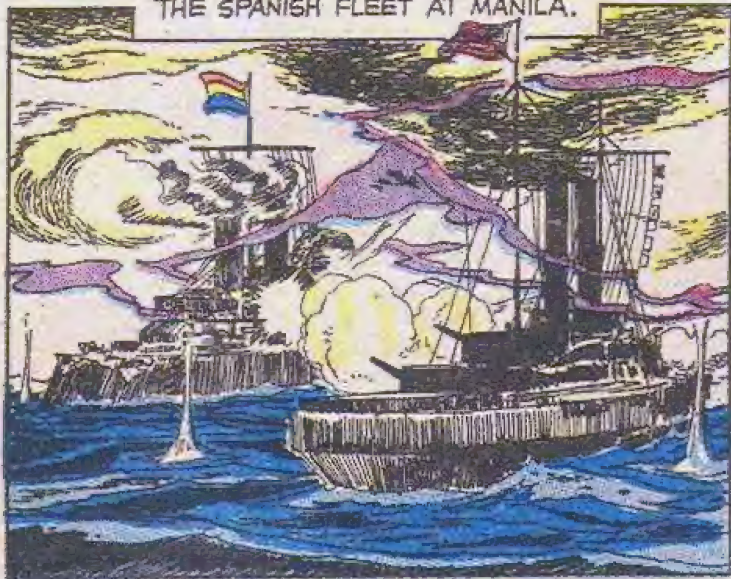
AND THE FIRST ELECTRIC LIGHT BULB WAS INVENTED BY THOMAS ALVA EDISON. IT BROUGHT THE AGE OF LIGHT WHICH TURNS MANKIND'S MODERN NIGHTS INTO DAY!



AROUND THE TURN OF THE CENTURY, THE GAS ENGINE CAME--DRIVING A "HORSELESS CARRIAGE" WHOSE NOISE AND SMELL CAUSED MANY A HORSE TO RUN AWAY--CARRIAGE AND ALL!



MANY OTHER INVENTIONS APPEARED, FROM IMPROVED STEAM ENGINES TO DEADLIER CANNONS AND ARMOR-PLATED SHIPS OF WAR. THUS DEWEY BLASTED THE SPANISH FLEET AT MANILA.



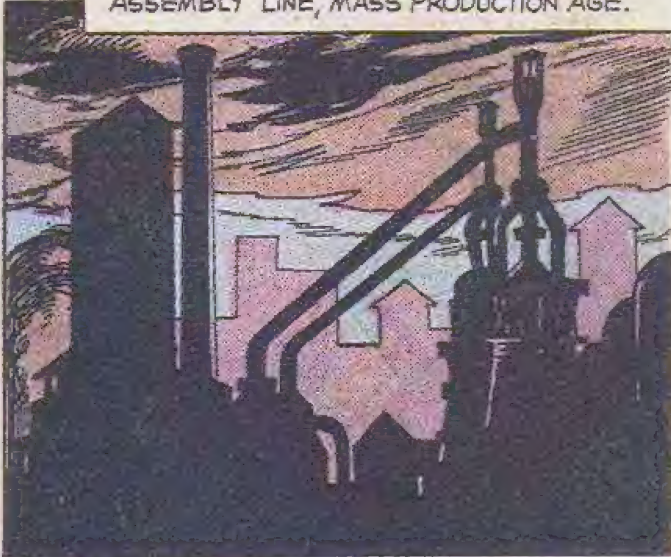
AND MANKIND BEGAN TO FLY IN GAS-POWERED MACHINES WITH RIGID WINGS. THE FLIGHTS WERE SHORT AT FIRST, BUT THEY HELD PROMISE THAT SOON MAN WOULD COMMAND THE AIR.



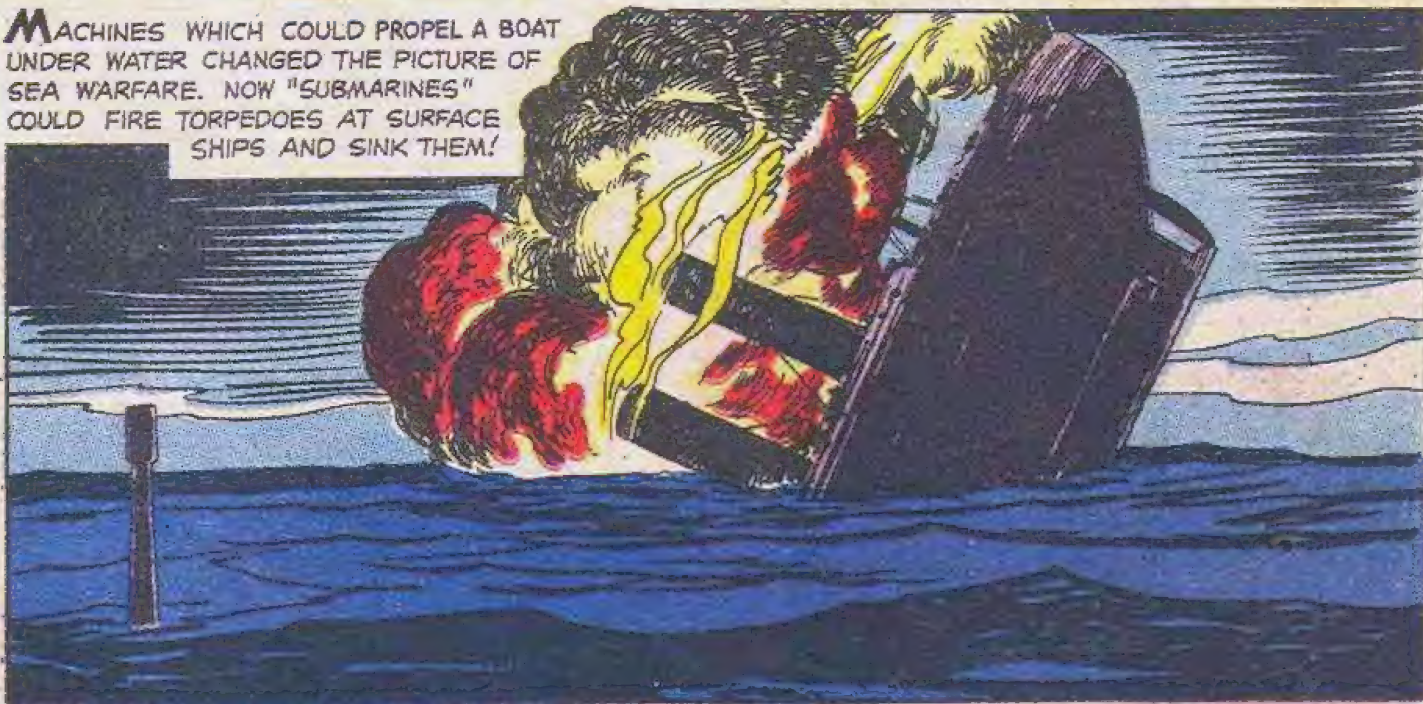
MAN'S MACHINES WERE ALREADY SPINNING WONDERFUL CLOTH--COTTON MADE MORE GORGEOUS IN COLOR AND PATTERN THAN EVEN KING SOLOMON WORE IN ALL HIS ANCIENT GLORY.



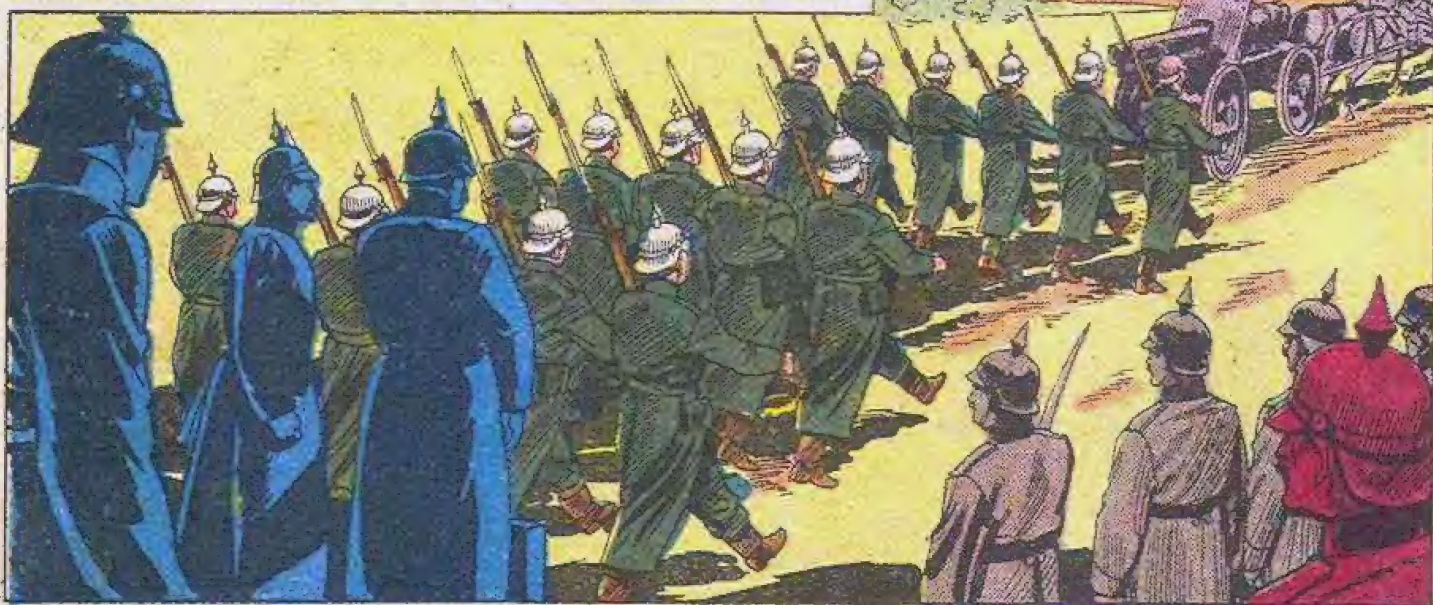
SKY-SCRAPING CHIMNEYS SPREAD SOOT OVER MAN'S HUGE INDUSTRIAL CENTERS. MANKIND PROSPERED. IT WAS THE BEGINNING OF THE ASSEMBLY LINE, MASS PRODUCTION AGE.



MACHINES WHICH COULD PROPEL A BOAT UNDER WATER CHANGED THE PICTURE OF SEA WARFARE. NOW "SUBMARINES" COULD FIRE TORPEDOES AT SURFACE SHIPS AND SINK THEM!



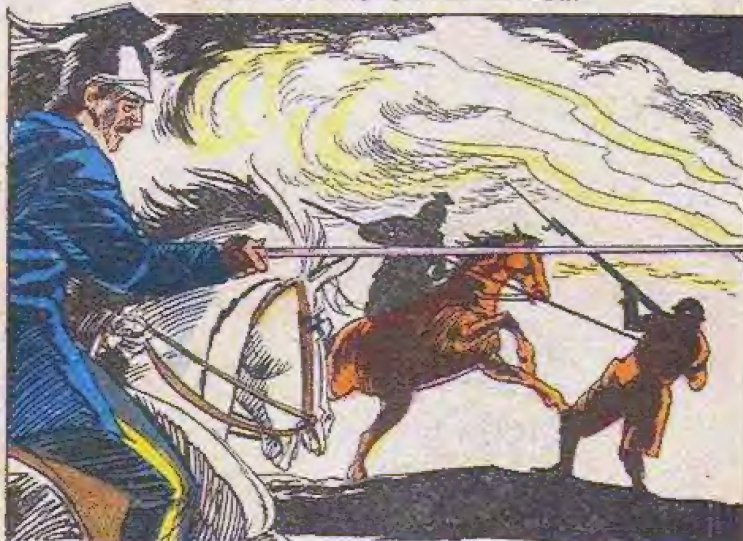
IN GERMANY, A MIGHTY WAR MACHINE WAS FORGED--AND IT POUNCED LIKE A SAVAGE BEAST ON ITS UNREADY NEIGHBORS.



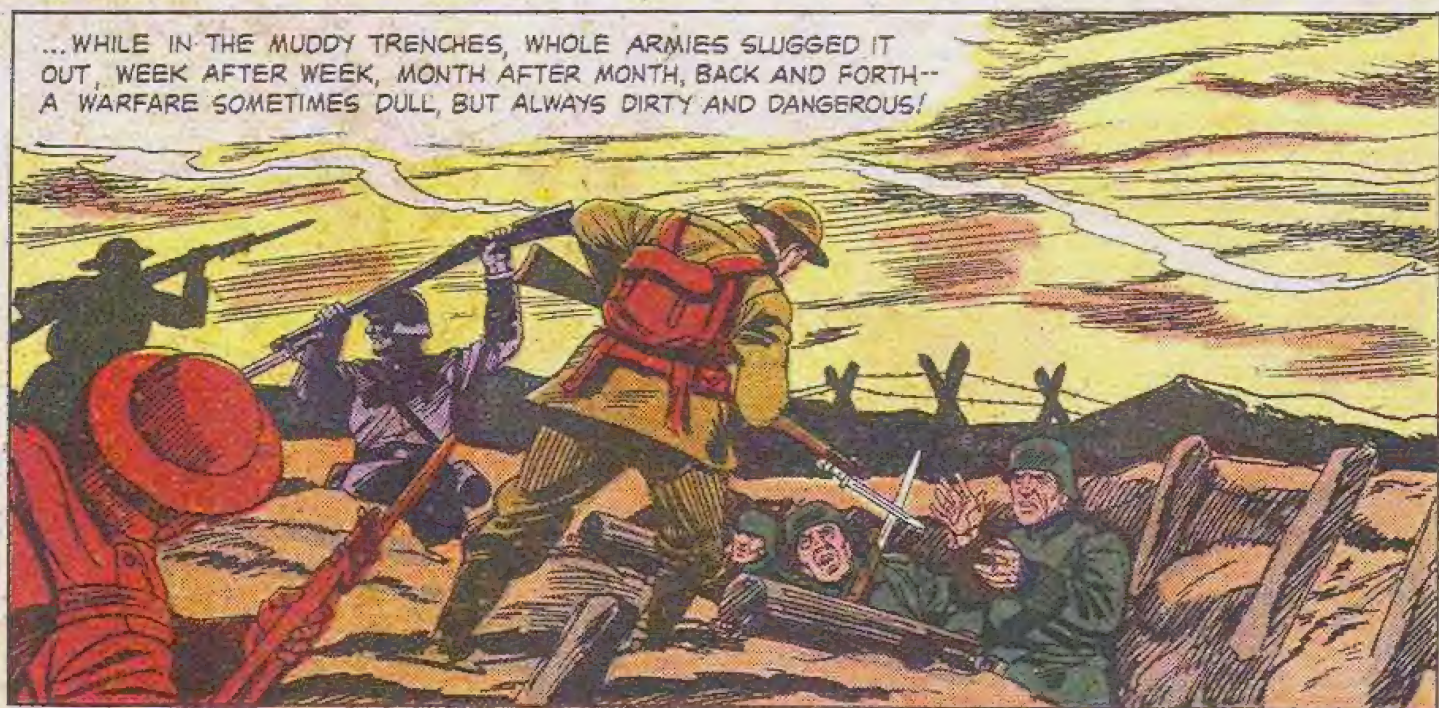
THE FLAMES OF WAR SPREAD AROUND THE GLOBE. WORLD WAR I HAD BEGUN--AND WAS NOT TO STOP UNTIL EIGHT AND A HALF MILLION OF MANKIND HAD BEEN KILLED.



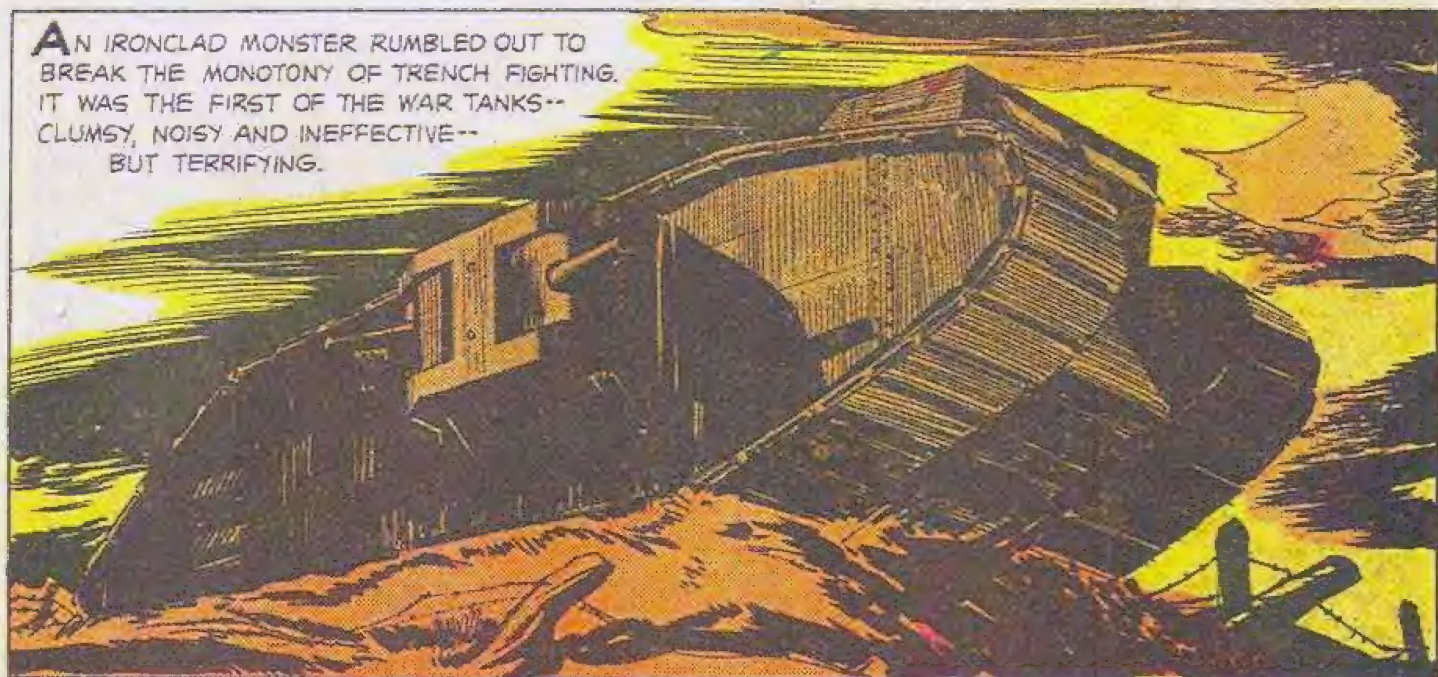
FRENCH BAYONETS--"KNITTING NEEDLES"--MET THE LANCES OF THE KAISER'S SUPERB UHLAN CAVALRY, WHICH RAGED THROUGH THE COUNTRYSIDE, BURNING AND CUTTING SUPPLY LINES...



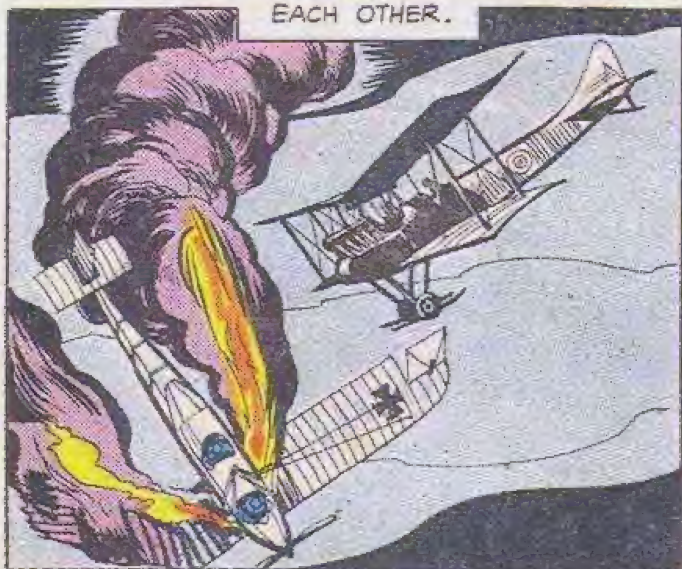
...WHILE IN THE MUDDY TRENCHES, WHOLE ARMIES SLUGGED IT OUT, WEEK AFTER WEEK, MONTH AFTER MONTH, BACK AND FORTH--A WARFARE SOMETIMES DULL, BUT ALWAYS DIRTY AND DANGEROUS!



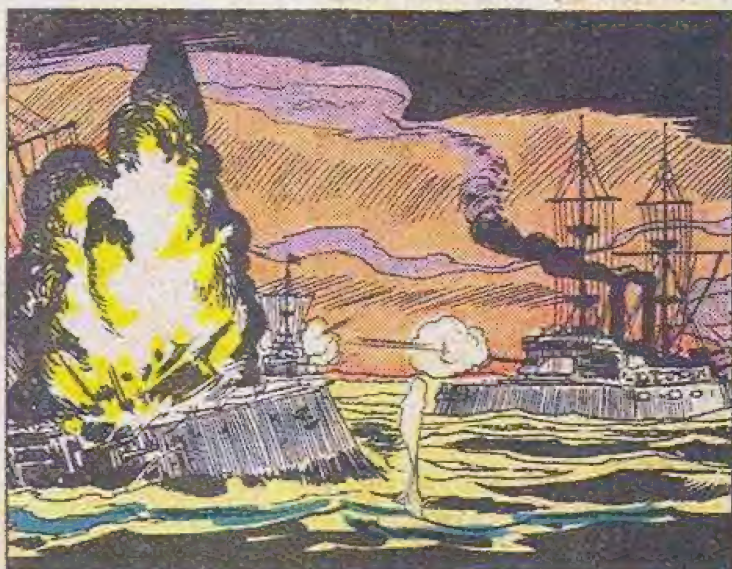
AN IRONCLAD MONSTER RUMBLED OUT TO
BREAK THE MONOTONY OF TRENCH FIGHTING.
IT WAS THE FIRST OF THE WAR TANKS--
CLUMSY, NOISY AND INEFFECTIVE--
BUT TERRIFYING.



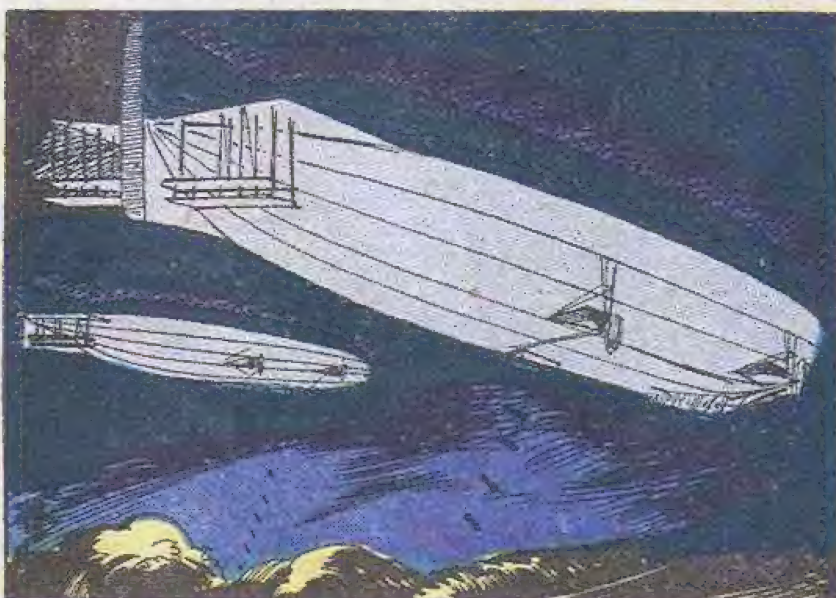
LESS CLUMSY, BUT EVEN WEAKER IN FIRE POWER
WERE THE BIPLANES, OR "FLYING CRATES" THAT WERE
USED MOSTLY FOR SCOUTING...BUT THEY FOUGHT
EACH OTHER.



THE BATTLE FOR THE SEA LANES THUNDERED AROUND
THE WORLD! AT JUTLAND, BRITISH AND GERMAN FLEETS
HAMMERED EACH OTHER WITH BIG GUNS AND TORPEDOES.



ANOTHER NEW AND DREADED WEAPON WAS THE GIANT
DIRIGIBLE BALLOON--THE GERMAN ZEPPELIN WHICH BOMBARDED
LONDON BY NIGHT, WHEN PLANES WERE HARD TO FLY.



FRESH AMERICAN FORCES--THROWN INTO
THE WAR ON THE SIDE OF THE WEARY
ALLIES-- BROUGHT AN END TO THE FIGHT-
ING! DEFEATED GERMANY ASKED FOR PEACE.



A SORT OF "NERVOUS BREAKDOWN" SWEEPED OVER MANKIND AFTER THE WAR'S END. PEOPLE THREW AWAY MANNERS, MORALS AND EVEN RELIGION-- DANCED UNGRACEFULLY TO THE FRANTIC RHYTHMS OF "THE JAZZ AGE."



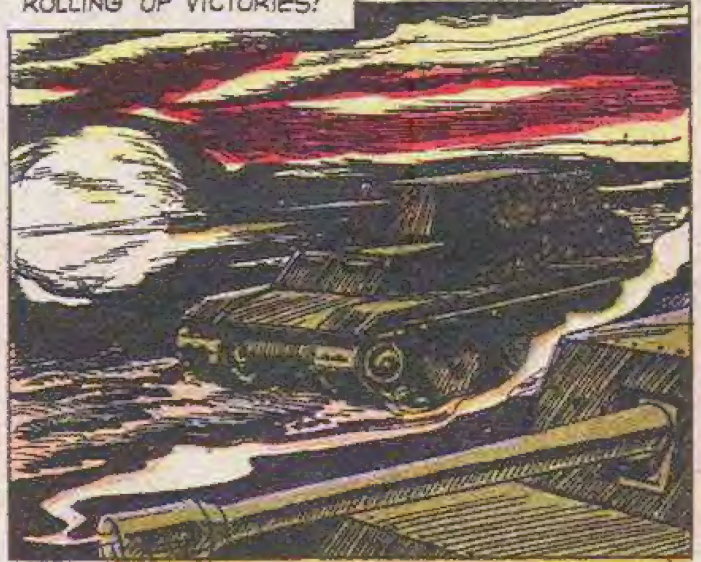
AND JUST WHEN THE VICTOR NATIONS WERE SAYING AGAIN THAT THERE **COULDN'T** BE ANOTHER WAR, A PAPERHANGER NAMED ADOLPH HITLER ROUSED YOUNG GERMANS TO NEW FRENZY.



WITH SHOCKING SUDDENNESS, EVERYBODY WHO COUNTED IN GERMANY WAS SHOUTING, CHANTING OR MUMBLING, "HEIL HITLER!" TO THE LITTLE MADMAN WITH THE MUSTACHE.



A NEW AND MORE TERRIBLE GERMAN WAR MACHINE RAIDED ACROSS THE BORDERS OF FRANCE AND RUSSIA! WORLD WAR II HAD OPENED, WITH GERMANY ROLLING UP VICTORIES!



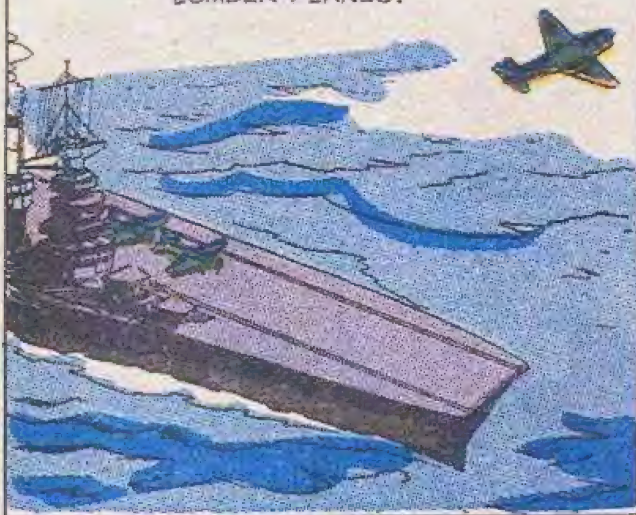
WITH THEIR GENIUS FOR ATTACK, GERMAN MECHANIZED UNITS AIDED BY "STUKKA" DIVE BOMBERS BROUGHT THE HORRORS OF THE "BLITZKRIEG" OR LIGHTNING-WAR INTO CITIES AND UPON THEIR CIVILIAN POPULATIONS.



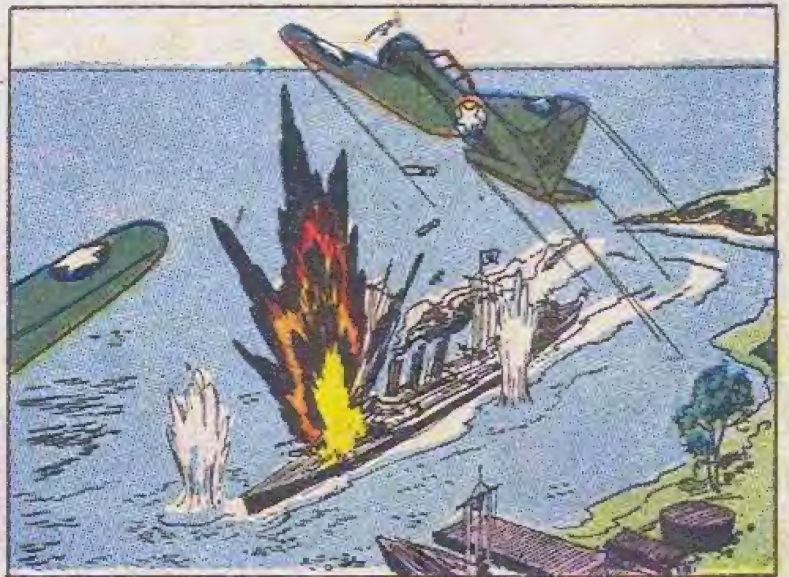
ITALY AND JAPAN JOINED GERMANY AND THEN CAME THE NEWS WHICH SHOCKED AMERICA-- JAPAN'S SNEAK ATTACK UPON PEARL HARBOR, IN TIME OF "PEACE."



CRIPPLED AT FIRST IN HER PACIFIC NAVAL ARM, THE UNITED STATES DEVELOPED A TERRIFIC SEA-AIR WEAPON--THE **AIRCRAFT CARRIER**, WITH ITS SWARM OF FIGHTER-BOMBER PLANES.



FROM ISLAND GROUP TO ISLAND GROUP, AMERICAN CARRIER PLANES POUNDED THE JAPANESE STRONGHOLDS AND THEIR SHIPPING--AND FOUGHT IT OUT WITH JAP CARRIER PLANES.



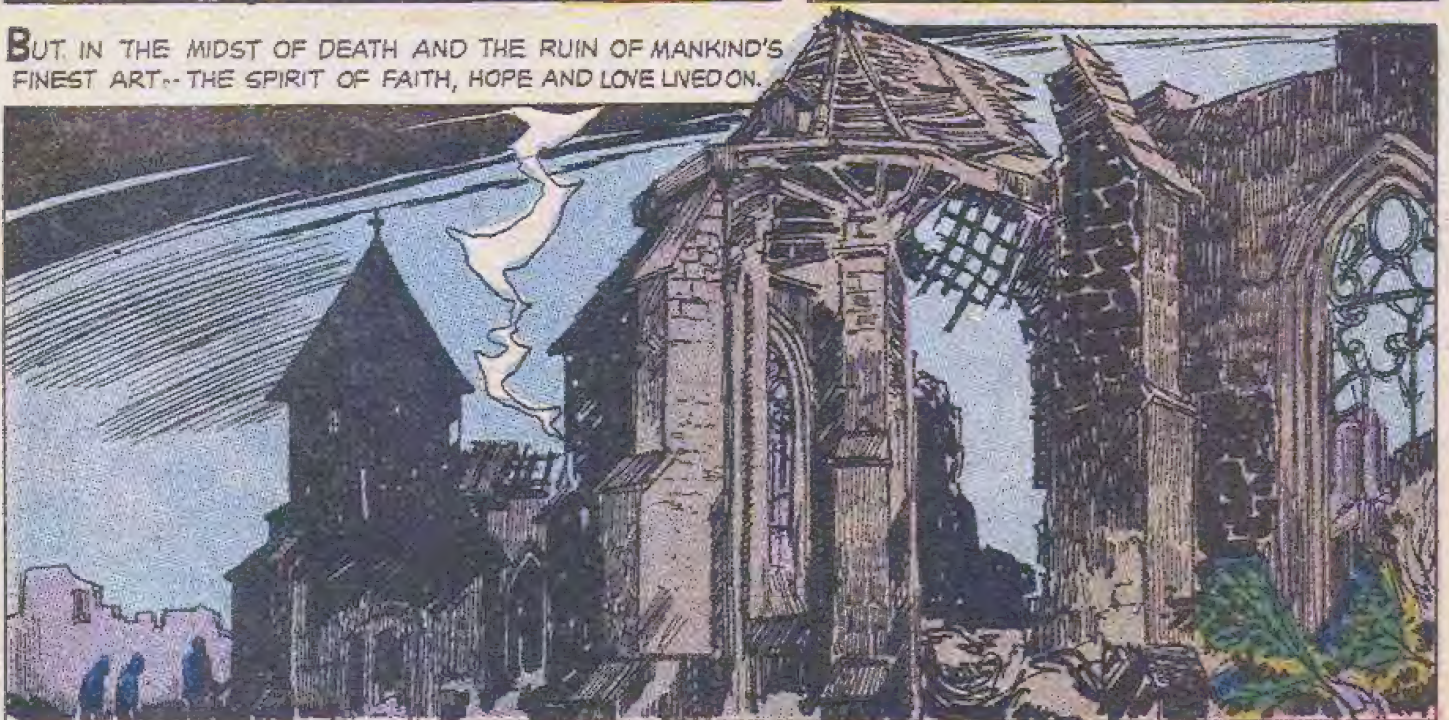
OVER EUROPE, THE GERMAN LUFTWAFFE WAS ALL POWERFUL! AGAIN AND AGAIN, ITS BOMBERS PLOWED UP LONDON AND OTHER ENGLISH CITIES, DESPITE GALLANT RESISTANCE.



WHILE THE OUTNUMBERED BRITISH FLIERS HURLED THEIR PLANES INTO THE FIGHT ABOVE, THE ANTI-AIRCRAFT CREWS STUCK DOGGEDLY TO THEIR WORK AMID THE RUINS.



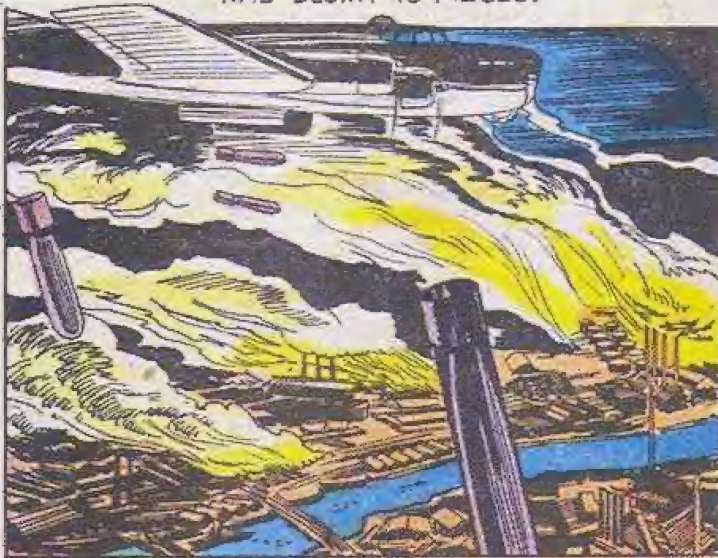
BUT IN THE MIDST OF DEATH AND THE RUIN OF MANKIND'S FINEST ART--THE SPIRIT OF FAITH, HOPE AND LOVE LIVED ON.



SLOWLY AND AT TERRIBLE COST, THE ALLIED AIR FORCES WON CONTROL OF THE AIR OVER EUROPE. THEY BOMBED THE AXIS OIL FIELDS, FACTORIES AND SUBMARINE BASES...



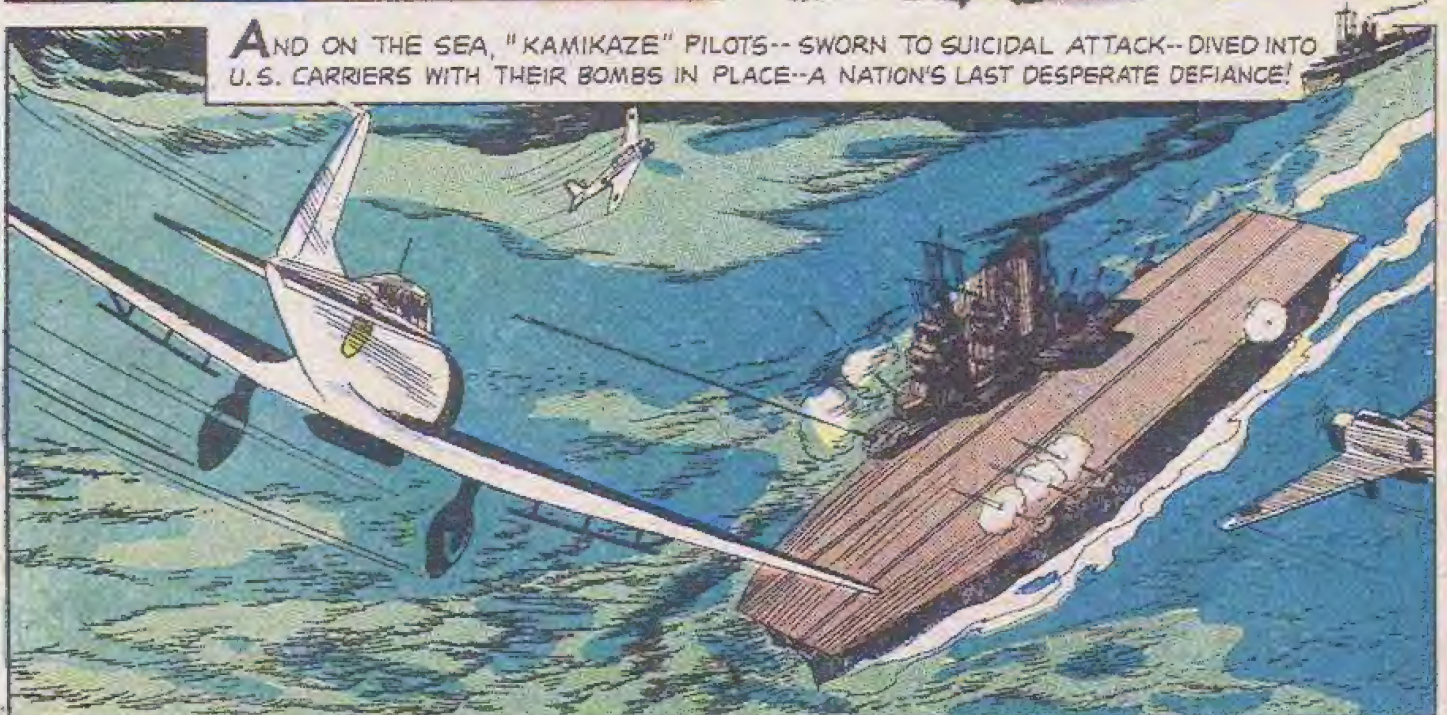
... AND FINALLY CERTAIN KEY CITIES: BREMEN, BERLIN, HAMBURG! SOME OF THE POPULACE FLED. OTHERS REMAINED IN CELLARS WHILE EVERYTHING WAS BLOWN TO PIECES.



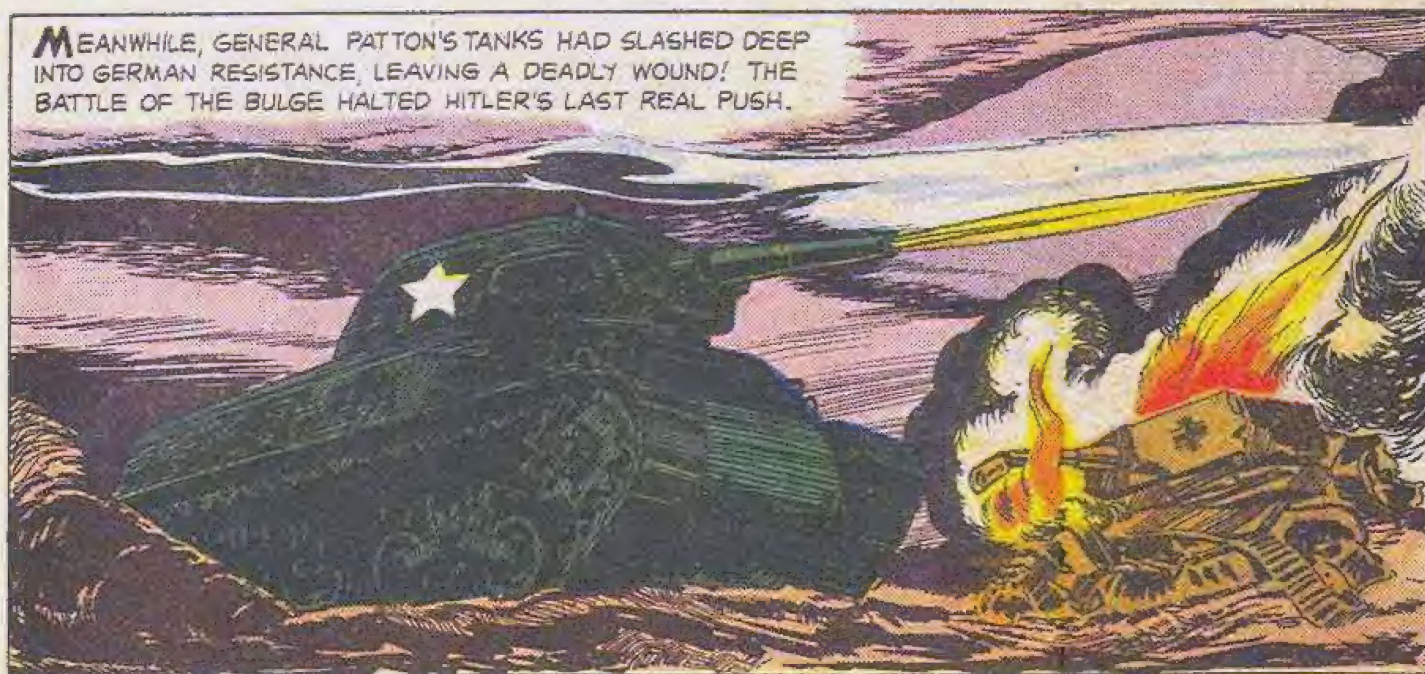
ON THE CHAINS OF PACIFIC ISLANDS, JELLIED GASOLINE BOMBES WERE WIPING OUT STUBBORN JAPANESE GUNNERS SO THAT AMERICAN FORCES COULD SWARM ASHORE.



AND ON THE SEA, "KAMIKAZE" PILOTS-- SWORN TO SUICIDAL ATTACK-- DIVED INTO U.S. CARRIERS WITH THEIR BOMBS IN PLACE-- A NATION'S LAST DESPERATE DEFIANCE!



MEANWHILE, GENERAL PATTON'S TANKS HAD SLASHED DEEP INTO GERMAN RESISTANCE, LEAVING A DEADLY WOUND! THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE HALTED HITLER'S LAST REAL PUSH.



NAZI GERMANY HAD BEEN SMASHED--SUPPLIES CUT OFF OR DESTROYED, AIR FORCE GONE, WAR FACTORIES BLASTED, HITLER A SUICIDE AND THE BEST OF GERMAN MANHOOD KILLED!



OVER HIROSHIMA AND NAGASAKI, JAPAN BLOSSOMED THE DEADLIEST FLOWER THE EARTH HAD YET SEEN-- THE ATOM BOMB--ITS WEIRD "MUSHROOM" GROWING UP FROM DESTRUCTION.



JAPAN'S FANATICAL WILL TO FIGHT COLLAPSED LIKE A PRICKED BALLOON. AMERICAN TERMS WERE SIGNED ABOARD AN AMERICAN WAR VESSEL! MANKIND TOOK A LONG BREATH.



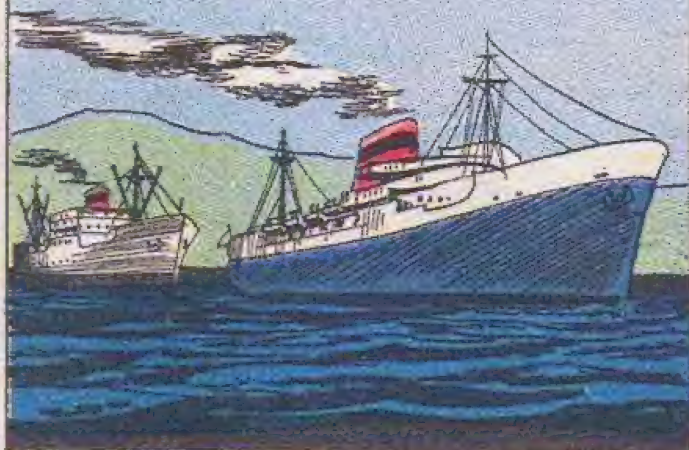
BUT HORROR LIVED ON--IN THE SKELETONS OF ONCE-PROSPEROUS DWELLINGS AND FACTORIES--IN THE HORDES OF HOMELESS FOLK --IN THE BANDS OF WILD, STARVING CHILDREN.



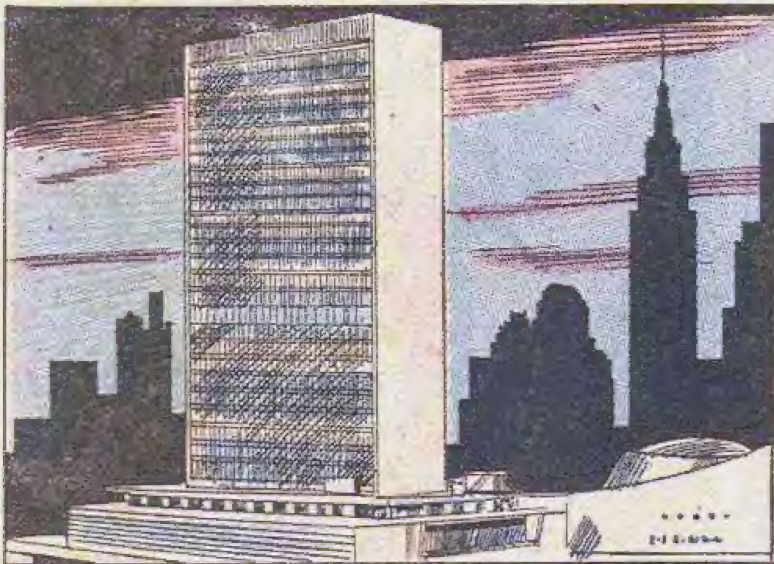
AFTER THE WAR'S RAVAGES, ONLY AMERICA REMAINED STRONG INTERNALLY... AND WAS ABLE TO GIVE OF HER STRENGTH TO BUILD UP HER FRIENDS! HER INDUSTRY GREW STREAMLINED.



EUROPE'S COMMERCE RECOVERED. HER HUGE PASSENGER SHIPS AND FREIGHTERS RETURNED TO THE SEAWAYS! SICK OF THE VERY THOUGHT OF WAR, SHE LIVED FOR THE PRESENT...



... AND BEGAN TO HOPE FOR A BETTER FUTURE! FOUR-SCORE COUNTRIES JOINED HANDS, SOME WITH THEIR TONGUES IN THEIR CHEEKS. THEY BUILT THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARIAT.



THE MIRACLE OF TELEVISION MOVED FROM THE LABORATORY INTO THE HOME. IT SERVED FOR ENTERTAINMENT--BUT MORE IMPORTANT WAS ITS PROMISE TO EDUCATE IN SCIENCE, HISTORY...



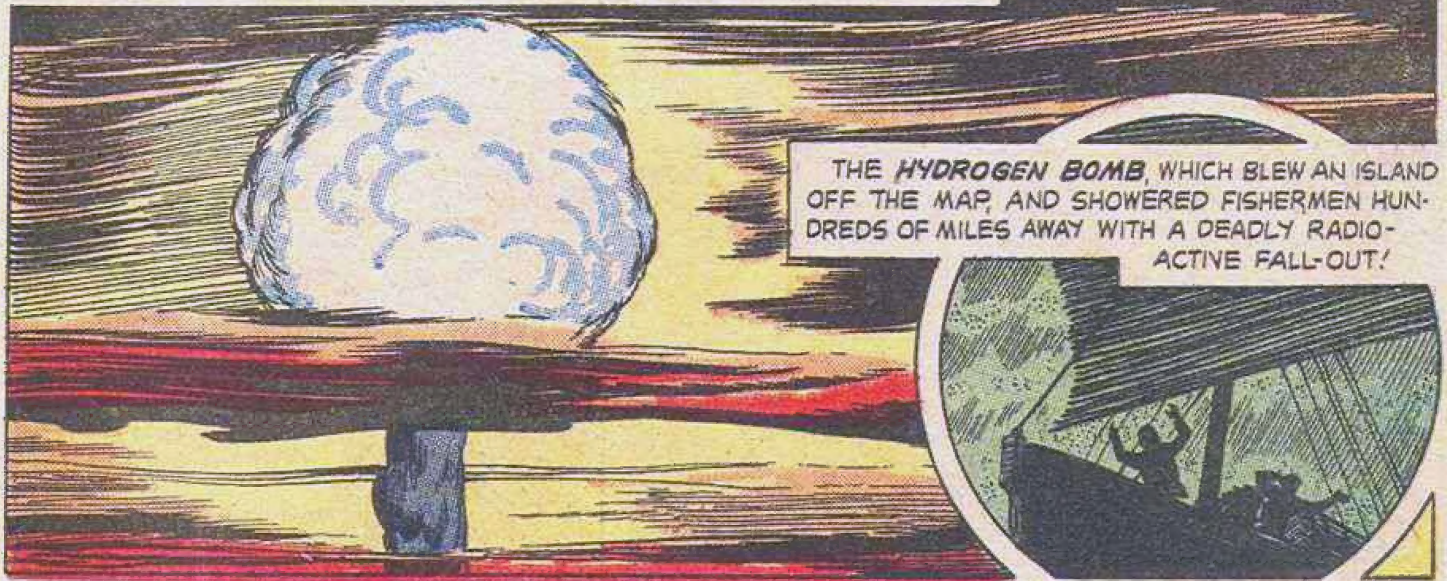
... AND IN CURRENT EVENTS THE WORLD AROUND! IT SERVED TO KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER, IN A COMMON ENJOYMENT! IT BROUGHT WORLD PROBLEMS AND PERSONALITIES VERY NEAR!



AND IT BROUGHT WORDS OF HOPE, ENCOURAGEMENT AND GUIDANCE TO THE MINDS OF MILLIONS! NEVER BEFORE COULD SUCH MESSAGES REACH SO MANY!



YET, GRIMLY CONTRADICTING MANKIND'S PROGRESS, AND HIS YEARNINGS FOR A BETTER WORLD, THE WORLD'S GREAT MILITARY POWERS BEGAN TESTING AND STOCKPILING THE *FINAL WEAPON*..



THE *HYDROGEN BOMB* WHICH BLEW AN ISLAND OFF THE MAP, AND SHOWERED FISHERMEN HUNDREDS OF MILES AWAY WITH A DEADLY RADIO-ACTIVE FALL-OUT!

THE DANCE GOES ON--BECAUSE LIFE IS STILL SWEET! BECAUSE THE HEART CANNOT ADMIT THAT SUCH AN END IS UNAVOIDABLE! AND WHO REALLY KNOWS WHAT TO DO ABOUT IT?



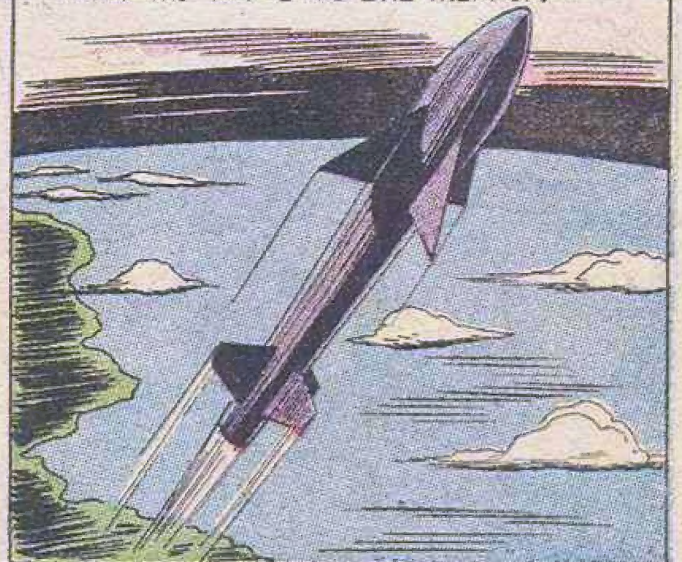
MEANWHILE THE GREAT POWERS ARE HASTILY BUILDING THEIR RADAR FENCES--TO GAIN A FEW HOURS TIME FOR DESPERATE DEFENSE, IF THE LID DOES BLOW OFF!



AND HUNDREDS OF GREAT BOMBING PLANES ARE CONSTANTLY IN THE AIR, WATCHING, WAITING FOR THE WAR THEY HOPE MAY NEVER COME--OR UNTIL MANKIND HAS PERFECTED...



...A HYDROGEN BOMB-CARRYING INTERCONTINENTAL MISSILE WHICH WILL MAKE BOTH WARNING AND DEFENSE IMPOSSIBLE! "SUFFICIENT UNTO THE DAY IS THE EVIL THEREOF!"



IS THERE STILL
HOPE FOR IT?
THERE IS STILL
ON EARTH A LIGHT
AND A BOOK!



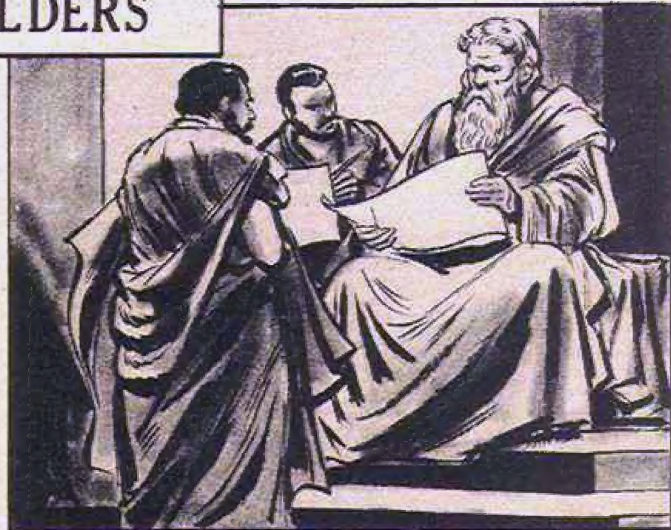
WILL MANKIND HEED THE
LIGHT? OR WILL HIS STRUGGLE
END THUS? WHAT IS WRITTEN
IS WRITTEN! LOOK--!



THE BUILDERS



AT *STONEHENGE*, PREHISTORIC BRITONS RAISED ROUGH STONE "MONUMENTS" WHOSE PURPOSE IS ONLY GUESSED AT TODAY.



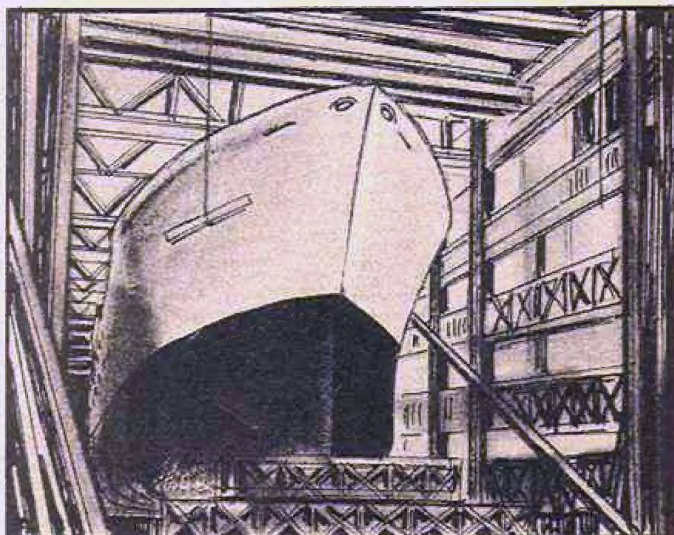
MOSES, THE GREAT PROPHET WHO LED THE ISRAELITES OUT OF EGYPTIAN SLAVERY, GAVE THEM DIVINELY INSPIRED GOVERNMENT.



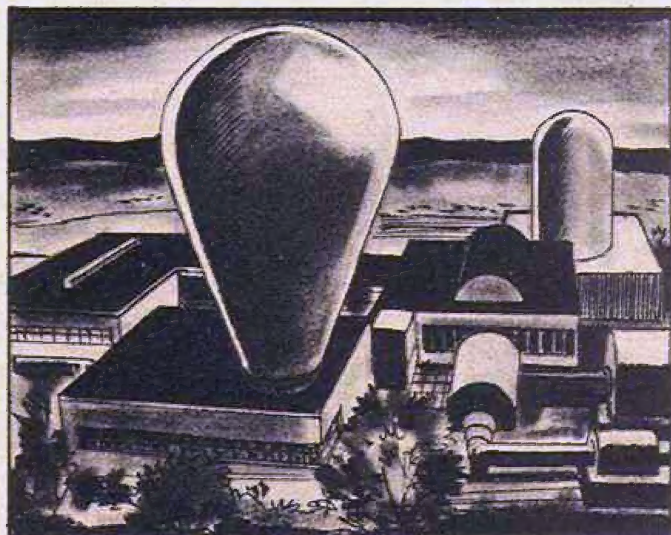
MICHAELANGELO, THE SCULPTOR AND PAINTER OF THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY, CREATED LASTING WORKS OF ART.



ANOTHER SORT OF CREATING WAS DONE BY AMERICA'S PIONEERS WHO CARVED A RICH CIVILIZATION OUT OF WILDERNESS.

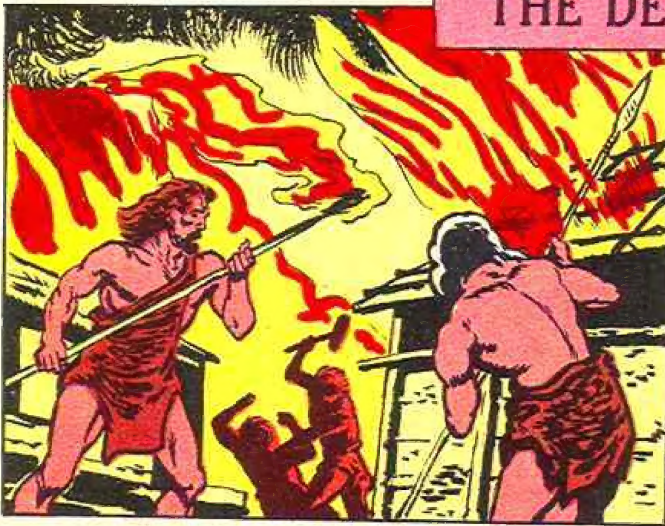


MODERN WORKERS IN STEEL HAVE BUILT "FLOATING CITIES" WHICH BEAR FREIGHT AND MEN ACROSS OCEANS.

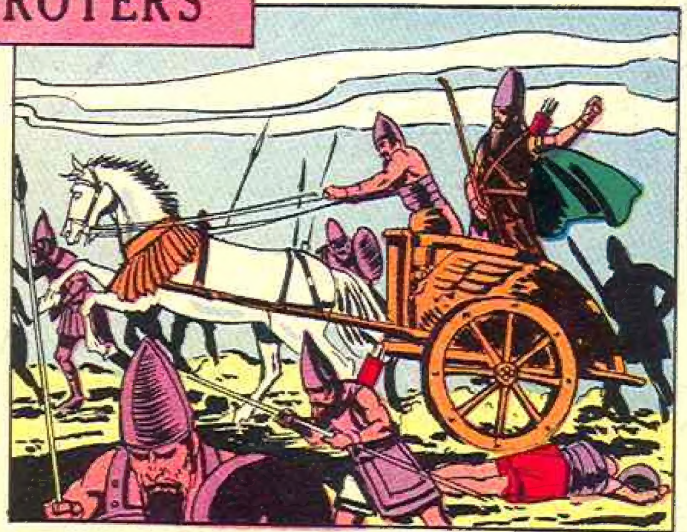


AND TODAY, ATOMIC SCIENTISTS HAVE BUILT PLANTS WHICH PRODUCE ELECTRIC POWER FROM ATOM-HEATED STEAM!

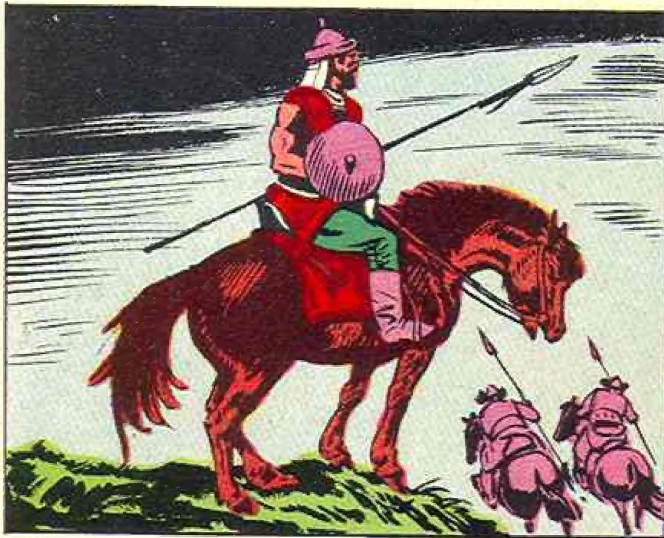
THE DESTROYERS



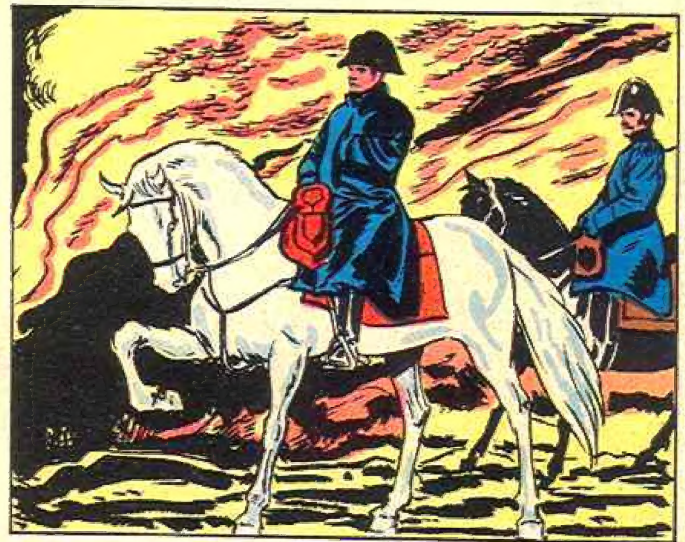
STONE AGE SAVAGES ENJOYED DESTROYING MORE THAN THEY LIKED TO BUILD! TO TAKE LIFE WAS TO GAIN HONOR!



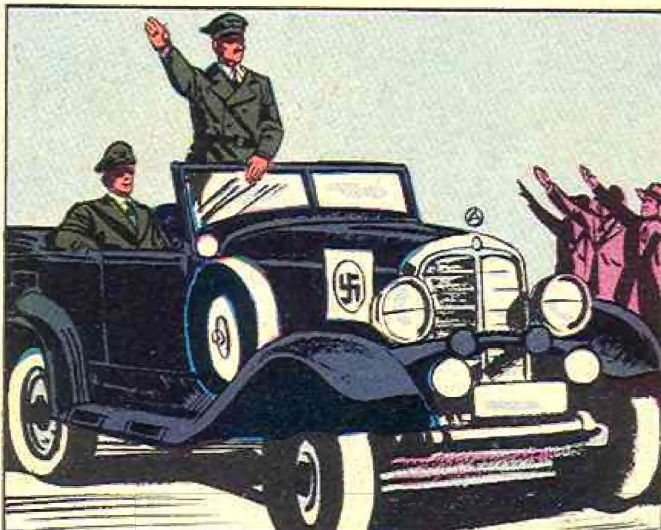
SENNACHERIB, KING OF ASSYRIA (700 B.C.) RAVAGED BABYLON AND PALESTINE, TAKING MANY CAPTIVES.



GENGHIS KHAN, MONGOL EMPEROR IN 1200 A.D. CONQUERED CHINA AND SWEEP WESTWARD TO THE POLISH BORDER.



NAPOLEON BONAPARTE, EMPEROR OF THE FRENCH, DEFEATED RUSSIAN, SPANISH AND AUSTRIAN ARMIES; DIED IN EXILE.



ADOLPH HITLER BECAME REICH CHANCELLOR OF GERMANY IN 1933. HE CONQUERED MOST OF EUROPE BEFORE HIS DOWNFALL IN 1945.



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